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Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces, in the General Department, dated Nagpur, the 22nd May 1889.

READ—Letter No. 1272, dated the 11th May 1889, from the Registrar, Judicial Commissioner's Court, submitting the Judicial Commissioner's Report on the administration of Civil Justice during the year 1888.

READ ALSO—The District and Divisional Reports.

RESOLUTION.

The chief features of the Civil Judicial work of the year 1888 are—

(1) a small decrease in the number of suits instituted (110,479 as against 111,855 in 1887);

(2) a large increase in the number of first appeals instituted (from 5,998 to 7,060).

Appeals instituted in the Judicial Commissioner's Court also rose from 700 to 777.

The increase in the number of first appeals is considerable, and the Judicial Commissioner is unable to explain it. An examination of the figures for some years past shows, however, that the total for 1888 only exceeds the total for 1885 by 439. In that year also there was a sudden rise, for which what has proved to be an incorrect explanation—*viz.* increase in litigation between landlord and tenant—was offered at the time. Deputy Commissioners should watch more closely the course and character of appellate litigation, and see if there is any ground for ascribing its variations to specific causes.

2. As regards the number of original institutions, it is curious to observe that while in the great majority of districts the increase of suits has been steady during the past five and twenty years, in a certain number of districts—Nagpur, Wardha and Hoshangabad—litigation appears to have been practically stationary for the past 12 to 15 years. These are advanced districts, and it may be assumed that litigation has found its normal level. In Betul it has moved but little during the last 8 years, but has in that period been below the figures of the years preceding. In Nimar the fluctuations have been considerable, but on the whole there have been fewer institutions of late years than during the period 1869—75. In Chhindwara litigation has fluctuated from year to year, but on the whole has not increased.

3. In respect of values, the character of the litigation remains much the same as before,—73 per cent of the institutions being below Rs. 50 in value and 97 per cent below Rs. 500. There is, however, the Judicial Commissioner observes, a tendency for the average value to rise as the country becomes opened out to trade.

4. Suits between landlord and tenant show a steady increase, but are still only 10 per cent of the total number of suits.

5. The number of suits disposed of by the Courts during 1888 was very nearly the same as in 1887. For the last three years the work of the Courts has been represented by a little over 111,000 "disposals".

6. While, however, the work done was very much the same in quantity as in 1887, the distribution of business between the various classes of Courts changed considerably. Assistant Commissioners (including "Civil Judges") and Munsiffs disposed of 3,502 more cases than in 1887: and Deputy Commissioners,

Tahsildars and Naib-Tahsildars disposed of 3,310 cases *less* than in that year. This result is of course the outcome of the arrangements for relieving Deputy Commissioners and Tahsildars of a portion of their Civil work which were referred to in the Resolution on last year's Report.

7. Since the beginning of the current year, the requirements of each district in the matter of Civil tribunals and the powers to be exercised by such tribunals have been carefully considered and a Table showing the normal Staff of Judicial Officers required for disposing of the case-work of each district has been drawn up. The sanction of the Government of India has been obtained to the maintenance of the Provincial Staff of Assistants at the figure shown by the Table to be necessary: and Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners have been asked to recommend for higher Civil powers all officers who are competent to exercise them, in order to make the most of the staff at their command.

8. The Commissioner of the Chhattisgarh Division has remarked unfavourably on the fact that the Deputy Commissioner of Bilaspur made over nearly all his Civil Appeals to the Assistant exercising the powers of a Civil Judge. The Judicial Commissioner agrees with Mr. Fraser in thinking that a Deputy Commissioner ought to keep himself acquainted with the work of all classes of Courts in his district; and that if he does not hear any appeals from Tahsildars' and Naib-Tahsildars' Courts his knowledge of their procedure will be small. The Chief Commissioner concurs in this view. While he has done what he could to give Deputy Commissioners more time for Executive and Revenue duties he has always insisted on the importance of their carefully supervising the work of all their subordinates; and no Deputy Commissioner must lose touch of the case-work of the inferior Civil Courts in his district. He ought to arrange to hear a certain number of appeals from each class of Court, whose decrees are appealable to him: and should not lay down a value-limit, pure and simple, to govern the distribution of appeals between the Civil Judge and himself. The Chief Commissioner would specially insist upon appeals in suits under the Tenancy Act being largely taken up by Deputy Commissioners themselves. Nothing is more useful and instructive to a Revenue Officer than the hearing of such suits. Commissioners should see that effect is given to this principle.

9. As to the character of the work done by Civil Judges, the Judicial Commissioner does not make any remark. The Commissioner of the Chhattisgarh Division observes that it was "generally good in quality." The Quarterly Returns showing the results of appeals in the Courts of Assistants exercising appellate powers should be carefully scrutinised by Deputy Commissioners, and their Judgments should be from time to time examined. If this is done, there is no reason, the Chief Commissioner thinks, for being chary in recommending Assistants for investiture with power to hear appeals. The number of suits not exceeding Rs. 50 in value is still above 70 per cent of the whole litigation: and from a Return prepared under the Chief Commissioner's orders it appears that more than two-thirds of the appeals heard by Deputy Commissioners in 1887 were of values not exceeding Rs. 100 and related chiefly to decrees for money or moveables. There cannot, Mr. Mackenzie thinks, be any danger in entrusting a large share of appeals of this class to Assistants possessing a fair amount of experience: and it is on the face of it desirable that too much of the time of Deputy Commissioners should not be taken up in disposing of judicial business of this description.

10. It is satisfactory to find that the average number of hearings in original cases decreased. Mr. Mackenzie agrees with Mr. Crosthwaite in thinking that it is more important to consider the *number of hearings* than the *duration* of a suit. Durations depend to a great extent on accidental circumstances connected with the service of process on parties and witnesses: whereas the number of hearings is, within certain limits, a matter within the control of the presiding Judge. The District reports show that while there has been some improvement in the management of the case-work there is still ample room for further reform.

As the Judicial Commissioner observes :—"If press of work makes long "durations inevitable, it is better that cases should be fixed for somewhat dis- "tant days, on which they can really be taken up and disposed of, than that the "parties should be harassed by having to attend Court again and again only "to find their cases adjourned. The average number of hearings is much too high "in some Courts, probably owing to a neglect to thoroughly go into the case at "once and ascertain the questions at issue, and to unnecessary adjournments."

11. The most urgent requirement of the Province now, in connection with the administration of justice, is the relief of the Divisional Commissioners, who are prevented by the burden of their Civil and Criminal work from devoting any adequate attention to revenue and general executive duties. The Chief Commissioner hopes to find a remedy for this ere long.

12. The Chief Commissioner has again to acknowledge with thanks the assistance rendered to the Administration by Mr. B. J. Crosthwaite, the Judicial Commissioner. In spite of the extremely onerous character of his regular work, Mr. Crosthwaite has always been ready to advise the Chief Commissioner on any matter referred to him, whether officially or otherwise; and Mr. Mackenzie has derived much benefit from the co-operation of such a sound and careful lawyer.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Judicial Commissioner; and that copies, bound with the Report, be distributed as usual.

[True Extract.]

L. K. LAURIE,

Offg. Secretary.

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To

The SECRETARY to the CHIEF COMMISSIONER,
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Sir,

Dated Nagpur, the 19th March 1889.

I have the honour to submit the Civil Judicial Statements for the year 1888 with the following remarks:—

A.—Tribunals.

2. The number of Courts open at the close of 1888 was 178 as against 168 open at the close of the preceding year. Details for the two years are given in the margin. The figures for 1888 include two Honorary Extra-Assistant Commissioners, Mr. Balwant Rao Bhuskatti of the Nimar district, and Rao Bahadur Rao Yado Rao of Bhandara, and an Honorary Munsiff Rupnarain Singh of Bilaspur, but do not include Rai Bahadur Mukand Balkrishna Buti, Honorary Extra-Assistant Commissioner, Nagpur, Mr. Hari Bandhan Patnaik, Manager of the Phuljhar and Borasambhar zamindaris in the Sambalpur district, and Mr. Bapu Rao, Tahsildar of the Pendra zamindari in the Bilaspur district, who, though invested with civil powers, did no civil work during the year under review.

	1887.	1888
Court of the Judicial Commissioner ...	1	1
Do Commissioner ...	4	4
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The increase in the number of Assistant Commissioners' Courts is due partly to an increase in the number of Assistant Commissioners and partly to the fact that more Assistant Commissioners were employed in trying Civil suits.

The increase in the number of Munsiffs was caused by the appointment of a Munsiff in place of the Judicial Naib-Tahsildar at Umrer, and by the opening of a Munsiff's Court at Jubbulpore.

The number of Naib-Tahsildars' Courts remained the same as in 1887, for though the Naib-Tahsildar's Court was closed at Umrer on the appointment of a Munsiff, a Judicial Naib was posted to Gadarwara to relieve the Munsiff there of part of his work

3. The Local Bar consists of 16 Advocates (of whom 10 are Barristers), and 106 Pleaders, distributed as follows:—

Nagpur ...	29	Jubbulpore ...	19	Seoni ...	1
Bhandara ...	7	Saugor ...	7	Narsinghpur ..	12
Wardha .	11	Damoh ...	3	Raipur . .	7
Arvi ..	1	Hoshangabad ...	13	Sambalpur ...	1
Khandwa ...	3	Harda . .	4	Bilaspur ...	3
Burhanpur ...	1				

At the examination of local candidates for admission as Pleaders, held at Nagpur in October last, four candidates were successful, and two Bachelors of Law were enrolled during the year as Pleaders of the second grade.

B.—Extent and Character of Litigation.

I.—Number of Suits.

4. Of the following two tables, Table A shows the number of suits instituted and re-instituted in each district of the Provinces for each year from 1862 to date; Table B gives the same statistics for the last 5 years for each place where one or more Civil Courts are established.

TABLE A.

Showing the number of suits instituted and re-instituted in each District of the Central Provinces from 1862 to 1888.

Years.	Nagpur.				Chanda.	Bhandara.	Wardha.	Balaghat.	Jubbulpore.				Sangor.			Seoni.	Damoh.	Mandla.	Hoshangabad.	Betul.	Nimar.				Narsinghpur.	Chhindwara.	Saugor.	Damoh.	Sambalpur.	Upper Godavari.	Grand Total.
	District.	City Small Cause Court.	Cantonment Small Cause Court Kamptee.	Total.					District.	City Small Cause Court.	Cantonment Small Cause Court.	Total.	District.	Cantonment Small Cause Court.	Total.						District.	Cantonment Small Cause Court Ashgarh.	Total.							
1862 ...	3,340	1,622	1,602	6,583	667	1,750	668	...	1,619	315	504	2,438	2,313	601	2,914	806	760	369	2,016	1,058	...	...	...	2,121	705	1,326	163	345	7	24,668
1863 ...	3,020	1,436	2,338	6,794	687	1,634	592	...	1,385	1,331	686	3,392	2,389	572	2,952	973	729	201	2,205	1,142	...	...	...	2,691	1,033	820	222	301	35	26,306
1864 ...	2,647	1,892	1,706	6,045	718	1,692	490	...	1,230	1,638	612	3 5 5	2,109	1,161	3,270	1 290	852	884	3,183	1,288	4,398	...	4,398	2,542	870	1,221	707	275	43	33,897
1865 ...	2,974	1,288	866	5,028	649	1,076	927	...	1,734	1,782	456	3,972	2,741	704	3,450	1,343	1,977	563	6,887	1,156	3,351	...	3,354	3 558	1,803	1,573	1,781	695	66	3,92,554
1866 ...	3,388	2,820	1,017	6,623	1,021	2,420	1,316	...	1,476	1,636	431	3,523	2,982	720	3,709	1,185	1,299	421	5,279	1,193	7,561	...	7,561	3,416	1,345	1,379	2,896	594	168	45,160
1867 ...	3,393	3,289	1,328	8 003	1,219	2 934	1,893	303	1,685	1,962	296	3,643	2,724	389	3,113	1,263	1,703	380	5,417	1,979	5,541	27	5,568	3,272	1,990	1,406	3,762	592	89	48,544
1868 ...	4,568	4,060	2,083	10,709	1,638	2.798	3,057	810	1,699	2,052	541	4,292	3,612	559	4,171	1,394	1,981	431	5,494	2,732	6,303	244	6,752	4,125	2,770	1,539	3,466	538	125	68,588
1869 ...	4,529	4,413	5,114	14,198	2,008	2,914	3,724	925	1,441	1,984	514	3,939	4,032	835	4,897	1,387	1,760	528	5,068	2,351	7,854	293	8,147	4,536	3,340	1,923	1,393	895	159	83,187
1870 ...	5,648	4,830	3,407	13,935	2,597	3 596	4,277	727	1,736	2,436	445	4,605	4,003	692	4,695	2,185	1,693	656	6,750	2,702	7,939	165	7,814	5,657	4,057	3,123	1,866	959	299	72,183
1871 ...	6,761	5,300	2,594	14,655	2,927	3,597	6,169	1,235	2,278	2,196	463	5,240	3,192	699	3,931	2,619	1,783	569	6,695	3,207	6,551	118	6,669	6,385	3,616	3,191	2,381	1,112	236	78,683
1872 ...	6,060	5,061	2,779	13,900	2,072	3 122	5,435	908	2,313	2,460	511	5,284	2,613	672	3,324	1,901	1,148	679	7,219	3,449	9,572	174	9,746	5,593	3,537	2,641	2,661	1,087	277	73,975
1873 ...	6,713	5,700	2,425	14,452	2,161	2,663	6,051	1,191	1,985	2,254	437	4,676	2,979	432	3,411	1,993	2,067	661	7,918	3,278	7,903	147	7,955	6,369	3,533	2,657	2,031	1,427	257	74,594
1874 ...	6,904	6,104	2,837	15,845	2,029	2,707	6,839	1,719	2,106	2,493	445	5,044	3,323	392	3,630	1,450	1,734	690	7,522	3,953	7,490	90	7,570	6,293	3,749	3,602	2,085	1,137	278	76,689
1875 ...	7,310	5,993	2,885	16,188	2,235	2,812	7,061	1,508	2,012	2,278	421	4,711	3,381	281	3,662	1,963	1,541	630	7,727	3,742	8,202	6	8,270	5,756	4,484	3,135	2,043	1,351	169	78,777
1876 ...	9,152	7,463	2,830	19,445	3,175	3,190	7,139	1,581	2,205	2,037	430	4,672	3,719	393	4,018	1,666	1,477	624	8,331	3,330	8,454	84	8,538	4,967	4,391	4,933	2,885	1,812	108	80,265
1877 ...	10,244	7,401	3,189	20,834	3,035	3,621	6,403	1,795	2,015	2,219	456	5,290	4,190	300	4,490	1,241	1,910	772	8,344	3,810	7,439	97	7,566	5,146	3 969	5,136	2,868	1,784	137	88,484
1878 ...	9,105	8,301	3,493	20,899	2,751	3,074	4,549	2,320	2,437	2,503	454	5,389	3,810	297	4,107	1,312	1,500	547	7,175	2,510	6,436	57	6,493	4,351	3,200	4,790	2,576	1,733	...	79,783
1879 ...	10,411	7,814	2,939	21,164	3,175	3,668	5,641	1,133	2,790	2,801	583	6,044	3,231	190	3,474	2,345	1,940	847	9,772	3,256	7,674	69	7,743	4,604	3,429	5,774	2,491	2,913	...	87,862
1880 ...	10,900	8,402	2,511	21,813	3,769	4,541	6,391	1,446	2,793	3,664	399	5,153	3,211	223	3,491	2,164	1,751	646	7,982	3,790	7,734	68	7,802	4,598	3,844	6,332	2,532	2,893	...	91,879
1881 ...	9,881	7,668	1,990	19,539	4,003	4,817	6,819	1,793	3,039	2,795	262	5,997	3,110	155	3,265	2,019	1,940	650	7,813	2,536	7,479	34	7,513	4,729	3,646	6,426	4,005	2,246	...	89,903
1882 ...	9,731	6,758	1,931	18,420	4,689	6,079	8,317	1,923	3,024	2,760	341	6,125	3,211	167	3,378	1,626	1,894	903	7,149	2,945	6,870	39	6,933	5,338	3,623	6,018	2,780	3,408	...	92,648
1883 ...	9,221	5,622	1,943	16,786	3,900	5,939	6,818	2,014	2,913	2,628	324	5,865	4,161	191	4,355	1,922	2,339	938	7,587	2,336	6,950	23	6,982	5,528	3,696	5,922	3,714	3,547	...	89,470
1884 ...	10,931	5,755	1,999	18,378	5,158	6,590	7,510	2,762	3,704	2,915	461	7,110	4,335	144	4,479	2,617	2,084	936	7,675	2,780	7,983	40	8,023	5,619	4,051	7,454	4,353	4,165	...	1,01,193
1885 ...	11,186	6,632	1,799	19,337	4,795	6,081	8,918	2,703	4,472	2 901	497	7,775	5,037	118	5,155	2,139	2,426	1,265	8,938	2,937	7,336	24	7,410	6,155	4,155	6,599	4,198	3,843	...	*1,04,904
1886 ...	11,695	7,928	1,906	21,637	5,107	5,930	8,565	2,509	4,651	3,382	530	8,563	4,981	214	5,195	3,034	2,845	1,591	8,183	3,019	7,433	37	7,470	6,418	4,384	8,373	5,789	3,988	...	†1,12,955
1887 ...	11,950	7,475	2,181	21,606	5,097	6,582	7,915	3,128	4,313	3,105	454	7,992	5,256	146	5,402	2,838	2,805	1,773	7,696	2,822	7,237	37	7,274	6,538	4,230	8,190	5,803	3,593	...	‡1,11,855
1888 ...	11,254	6,725	2,035	20,014	5,489	6,924	7,992	3,019	4,211	3,104	547	7,862	5,257	314	5,571	2,836	3,303	1,305	7,614	2,761	7,074	17	7,095	6,727	4,091	7,856	6,377	4,366	...	§1,10,479
Grades and number of Courts at the close of 1887.																															
Court of the Judicial Commissioner ..	1	...	...	...	...				..				...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...			...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Courts of the Commissioner ..	1	...	..	..	..				1				...	..	...		1	..					...	...	...	1	...	...	...	4
Courts of the Deputy Commissioner.	1	1	1	1	1				1				1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			1	1	1	1	1	1	...	18
Courts of Civil Judges	1	...	...	...	1	..			1				1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...			...	1	...	2	1	1	...	11
Courts of the Assistant Commissioner ...	3	2	3	2	1				2				2	1	1	1	4	1			4	2	1	3	2	2	...	36
Courts of the Tahsildars ..	4	4	3	2	2				3				4	2	2	2	3	2			2	2	2	4	4	2	...	51
Courts of the Munsiffs (Additional Tahsildar) ..	4	...	..	3	...				1				1	...	...	...	3	...			1	2	...	1	1	1	...	18
Courts of the Naib Tahsildar	..	3	3	...	1				2				2	2	1	1	2	2			2	1	2	3	3	1	...	31
Small Cause Courts																														
Registrars ..	1	...	...	...	...				1				1	...	...	...	...	...			1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Total ..	19	10	10	10	6				13				12	6	7	6	16	6			11	9	6	15	12	8	..	..	..	176

* Includes one suit instituted in the Court of the Commissioner, Jubbulpore Division
† Includes three suits instituted in the Court of the Commissioner, Nagpur Division
‡ Includes one suit instituted in do. do. do.
§ Includes seven suits instituted do. do. do.

TABLE B.

Showing the number of suits instituted and re-instituted in each Head-quarters Station and in each Tahsil of the Central Provinces, from 1884 to 1888.

Locality of Courts		Number of suits instituted and re-instituted.				
		1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.
Nagpur ...	Nagpur ...	3,005	2,830	3,010	2,897	3,091
	Court of Small Causes, Nagpur...	5,758	6,662	7,926	7,475	6,725
	Total ...	8,763	9,492	10,936	10,372	9,816
	Kamptee ...	1,999	1,799	1,966	2,181	2,065
	Katol ...	1,742	2,260	2,849	2,645	2,523
	Ramtek ...	1,943	2,290	3,576	3,577	3,052
	Saoner ...	1,810	1,552	..	..	..
	Umrer ...	2,121	2,194	2,260	2,581	2,588
Chanda ...	Chanda ...	578	507	444	479	552
	Warora ...	2,141	2,028	2,121	2,048	1,844
	Mul ...	1,253	1,138	1,239	1,146	1,398
	Brahmapuri ...	1,073	1,016	1,173	1,252	1,457
	Sironcha Sub-division ...	111	107	130	172	238
Bhandara ...	Bhandara ..	2,146	2,548	2,650	3,343	3,291
	Tirora ..	3,269	2,360	1,960	2,217	2,300
	Sakoli ..	1,175	1,179	1,283	1,022	1,233
Wardha ...	Wardha ...	3,589	4,393	3,080	3,406	3,328
	Arvi ...	1,991	2,270	2,093	2,091	1,784
	Hinganghat ...	2,010	2,255	2,492	2,148	2,280
Balaghat ...	Burha ...	2,500	2,551	2,310	2,924	2,852
	Behir ..	262	217	199	204	167
Jubbulpore ...	Jubbulpore ..	1,520	1,883	1,910	1,855	1,977
	Court of Small Causes, Jubbulpore	2,945	2,906	3,382	3,195	3,104
	Do. do. Cantonment..	461	497	520	454	547
	Total ...	4,926	5,286	5,812	5,504	5,628
	Murwara ...	821	1,207	1,303	1,008	792
	Sehora ...	1,363	1,228	1,438	1,480	1,442

Locality of Courts.		Number of suits instituted and re-instituted.				
		1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.
Saugor ...	Saugor	2,091	2,396	2,511	2,580	2,269
	Court of Small Causes, Saugor ...	144	148	214	146	314
	Kurai	963	1,260	1,135	1,197	1,164
	Rehli	809	792	823	951	1,029
	Banda	472	589	512	528	795
Damoh ...	Damoh	1,543	1,811	2,169	2,139	2,413
	Hatta	489	615	670	606	890
Seoni ...	Seoni	1,509	1,800	2,001	1,785	1,791
	Lakhandon	508	629	1,033	1,053	1,045
Mandla ...	Mandla	805	1,082	1,417	1,571	1,120
	Ramgarh	131	183	174	202	185
Hoshangabad ...	Hoshangabad	2,570	2,984	3,290	3,239	3,140
	Seoni	890	807	1,090	1,010	884
	Harda	2,609	2,628	1,923	1,784	2,170
	Sohagpur	1,485	1,517	1,761	1,495	1,816
	Pachmarhi Sub-division ...	21	96	95	108	104
Betul ...	Betul	1,800	2,002	2,076	1,676	1,684
	Multai	930	985	943	1,147	1,077
Narsinghpur ...	Narsinghpur	2,674	3,192	3,299	3,414	3,527
	Gadarwara	2,965	2,963	3,119	3,124	3,200
Nimar ...	Khandwa	5,317	4,503	4,682	5,595	5,184
	Burhanpur	2,665	2,878	2,751	2,342	1,894
	Court of Small Causes, Asirgarh ...	42	24	37	37	17
Chhindwara ...	Chhindwara	3,075	3,062	3,288	2,853	2,712
	Sausar ...	976	1,093	1,576	1,377	1,319
Raipur ...	Raipur	3,302	2,991	3,289	3,347	3,596
	Drug	1,071	1,079	1,370	1,441	1,595
	Dhamtari	1,514	1,512	2,084	1,909	1,072
	Simga	1,567	1,008	1,630	1,693	1,593
Sambalpur ...	Sambalpur	2,360	2,136	2,393	2,180	2,738
	Bargarh ...	2,005	1,704	1,595	1,412	1,628
Balaspur ..	Bilaspur	1,797	1,618	2,171	2,335	2,533
	Mungeli	1,694	2,034	2,013	2,052	1,958
	Seorinarain	862	846	1,605	1,308	1,575
	Pandaria	...	...	...	108	311
	Total ...	1,01,193*	1,04,904†	1,12,965‡	1,11,855§	1,10,479

* Includes one suit instituted in the Court of the Commissioner, Jubbulpore Division.
† Do. three suits do. do. Nagpur do.
‡ Do. one suit do. do. do. do.
§ Do. seven suits do. do. do. do.

Table B 2 compares the figures of 1887 and 1888.

TABLE B-2.

Districts.	Number of suits instituted and re-instituted in		Increase or decrease	Percentage.
	1887	1888		
Nagpur	21,606	20,044	−1,562	7·2
Chanda	5,097	5,489	+392	7·7
Bhandara	6,582	6,824	+242	3·7
Wardha	7,645	7,392	—253	3·3
Balaghat	3,128	3,019	—109	3·5
Jubbulpore	7,992	7,862	—130	1·6
Saugor	5,402	5,571	+169	3·1
Seoni	2,838	2,836	—2	...
Damoh	2,805	3,303	+498	17·7
Mandla	1,773	1,305	—468	26·3
Hoshangabad	7,636	7,614	—22	0·2
Betul	2,823	2,761	—62	2·2
Nimar	7,974	7,095	—879	11·0
Narsinghpur	6,538	6,727	+189	2·9
Chhindwara	4,230	4,031	—199	4·7
Raipur	8,390	7,856	—534	6·3
Bilaspur	5,803	6,377	+574	9·9
Sambalpur	3,592	4,366	+774	21·5
Total ..	*1,11,855	†1,10,479	—1,376	1·2

*Includes one suit instituted in the Court of the Commissioner, Nagpur Division.

†Includes seven suits instituted in the Court of the Commissioner, Nagpur Division.

5. These tables show a slight decrease in the amount of litigation as compared with that of 1887, but the total still remains considerably above that of 1885.

The decrease was distributed amongst 11 districts, and partially counterbalanced by an increase in the number of suits instituted in the other 7 districts.

The largest proportionate decrease was in Mandla (26·3 per cent). In Nimar there was a decrease of 11 per cent, in Nagpur a decrease of 7·2 per cent, and in Raipur one of 6·3 per cent.

The largest increase was in Sambalpur (21·5 per cent), and there was an increase of 17·7 per cent in Damoh, of 9·9 per cent in Bilaspur, and of 7·7 per cent in Chanda.

Various reasons are assigned for the increase or decrease of litigation, but it is in no case so remarkable as to call for explanation.

II.—Values of suits.

6. The relative values of the suits instituted in 1888 are shown in Table C, and the figures for 1887 and 1888 are contrasted in table C 2.

TABLE C.

Grades of value.	Number of suits instituted	Percentage of total suits.	Average value.
Not exceeding Rs. 10 ...	26,397	23·9	5
Ditto „ 50 ...	55,133	49·9	24
Ditto „ 100 ..	15,072	13·6	72
Ditto „ 500 ...	11,545	10·5	194
Ditto „ 1,000 ...	1,094	1·7	685
Ditto „ 5,000 ...	721		1,917
Ditto „ 10,000 ...	67		6,440
Exceeding „ 10,000 ...	29		18,852
Number of suits the value of which cannot be estimated.	421	0·4	...
Total ...	1,10,479	100·0	...

TABLE C. 2.

Grades of value.	Number of suits instituted in 1887.	Number of suits instituted in 1888.	Increase or decrease.	Percentage.
Not exceeding Rs. 10 ...	28,422	26,397	—2,025	— 7·1
Ditto „ 50 ...	54,531	55,133	+ 602	+ 1·1
Ditto „ 100 ...	15,261	15,072	— 189	— 1·2
Ditto „ 500 ...	11,430	11,545	+ 115	+ 1·0
Ditto „ 1,000 ...	1,037	1,094	+ 57	+ 5·5
Ditto „ 5,000 ...	604	721	+ 117	+19·4
Ditto „ 10,000 ...	56	67	+ 11	+ 9·6
Exceeding „ 10,000 ...	33	29	— 4	—12·1
Number of suits the value of which cannot be estimated ...	481	421	— 60	—12·5
Total ...	1,11,855	1,10,479	—1,376	1·2

Table D shows the percentages of Table C in detail according to districts.

TABLE D.

Districts.	Not exceeding Rs 10.	Not exceeding Rs. 50.	Not exceeding Rs. 100	Not exceeding Rs 500	Exceeding Rs. 500.	Value cannot be estimated.
Nagpur	25·6	49·5	13·1	9·7	1·4	0·7
Chanda ..	22·3	56·4	12·5	7·8	0·7	0·3
Bhandara ...	17 0	56 9	15·5	9 0	1·4	0·2
Wardha ...	19 2	49·0	17·1	11·9	2 1	0·7
Balaghat ...	25·8	55·9	9·4	7 6	0·9	0·4
Jubbulpore ..	22·9	47·9	14·2	12 2	2·8	...
Saugor ...	20 4	51·1	14·8	10·5	2 0	1·2
Damoh ...	22·3	50·8	15·	9 8	1·3	0·7
Seoni ...	21·9	51·6	13 3	11·9	1·3	...
Mandla ...	39·6	45·7	8·0	5·0	1·0	0·7
Hoshangabad ..	13·4	43·0	19·4	19 3	4·9	...
Betul ...	17·9	50 5	17·4	12·7	1·4	0·1
Narsinghpur ..	15·7	51·6	15·9	14 6	2·2	...
Chhindwara ...	24·0	51·0	13·0	10·4	1·6	...
Nimar ...	24·1	51·1	13·8	9·3	0·8	0·9
Raipur ..	30·0	49·2	10·9	8·7	1·2	...
Sambalpur ..	42·2	42·3	7·7	6·1	0·9	0 8
Bilaspur ..	36·2	47·7	8 0	5·1	1·0	...

7. The fluctuations in the value of suits are not large, but there seems to be, as might be expected, a tendency for the average values of suits to increase with the development of the country and the increase of trade.

Thus whilst in 1886 the proportion of suits not exceeding Rs. 50 in value was 76 per cent and that of suits not exceeding Rs. 500 in value 99 per cent of the whole litigation, in 1887 the proportion of suits not exceeding Rs. 50 in value was 73·9 and that of suits not exceeding Rs. 500 in value 98·1, and in 1888 the proportion of suits not exceeding Rs. 50 in value further sank to 73·8, and that of suits not exceeding Rs. 500 in value to 97·9.

The diminution in the number of suits of which the value cannot be estimated is probably due, in part at least, to more correct classification. Enquiries made on the quarterly returns received from districts have shown that in many instances suits which under the Court Fees Act should have been valued, (*e. g.* suits for an injunction, for an account, and for a declaratory decree with consequential relief), have been entered as suits of which the value could not be estimated. Mistakes have been pointed out to the Deputy Commissioners concerned, and a circular explaining the law on the subject has been issued.

8. Table E shows the distribution of suits under the heads of suits for money or moveable property, suits between landlord and tenant, and title and other suits.

TABLE E.

Description of suits.	1886		1887		1888	
	Number of suits	Percentage of total suits	Number of suits.	Percentage of total suits.	Number of suits.	Percentage of total suits
I.—Suits for money or moveable property .	97,130	86·0	94,950	84·9	92,005	83·3
II.—Suits between landlord and tenant ..	9,251	8 2	10,460	9·4	11,110	10·0
III.—Title and other suits ...	6,584	5·8	6,445	5·7	7,364	6·7
Total ...	1,12,965	100·	1,11,855	100·	1,10,479	100·

9. Thus while the total number of suits has slightly declined, the number of suits between landlord and tenant has steadily increased. This increase is generally attributed in the district reports to the tenant class having become more aware of their rights under the Tenancy Act, and more inclined therefore to assert themselves against their landlords. There were 389 more suits for rent and 232 more other suits between landlord and tenant. So small an increase does not call for explanation. In suits for arrears of rent the largest increase was in Nagpur (236 suits). It is said, and probably correctly, that this increase is due to defective harvest.

10. In Table F a further specification is given of the suits entered in Class I of Table E, and the variations as compared with the figures for 1887 are shown.

TABLE F.

Description of suits	1887.		1888		Increase or decrease in percentage.
	Number of suits.	Percentage of total suits.	Number of suits.	Percentage of total suits.	
Contract in writing ...	49,996	44·7	48,665	44 0	—·7
Contract not in writing ...	18,131	16·2	18,633	16 8	+·6
On account stated ...	4,252	3·8	4,625	4·1	+·3
Money had and received ...	775	0·7	677	0·6	—·1
Goods sold ...	9,289	8·3	7,560	6·8	—1·5
Wages, work and materials ...	1,080	1·0	1,030	0·9	—·1
Breach of contract not mentioned above ...	2,629	2 3	2,538	2·2	—·1
Rent not falling under the Rent Law ..	924	0·8	807	0·7	—·1
Moveable property or value thereof ...	5,081	4·5	4,660	4·2	—·3
Damages ...	2,793	2·5	2,810	2·5	...
Total ..	94,950	84 8	92,005	83 3	—1·5

As was the case last year the percentages in this table have altered little, and such fluctuations as have occurred call for no remark.

TABLE G.

Classified details of the principal descriptions of Suits in Table E.

Districts.	Total suits instituted.	For money due.						Moveable property or value thereof.		Damages.		Suits for arrears of rent.		Other suits between landlord and tenants.		Immoveable property.	
		Contract in writing.		Contract not in writing.		Goods sold.											
		Number.	Percentage of suits instituted.	Number.	Percentage of suits instituted.	Number.	Percentage of suits instituted.	Number.	Percentage of suits instituted.	Number.	Percentage of suits instituted.	Number.	Percentage of suits instituted.	Number.	Percentage of suits instituted.	Number.	Percentage of suits instituted.
Nagpur ...	20,044	11,026	55·0	2,179	10·9	2,251	11·2	618	3·0	323	1 6	1,202	5 9	154	0·7	671	3·3
Chanda ..	5,489	3,103	56·5	688	12 5	269	4·9	338	6 2	117	2·1	263	4 7	44	0·8	111	2 0
Bhandara ...	6,824	4,054	59·4	1,100	16 1	95	1·4	49	0·7	131	1·9	812	11·8	147	2·1	161	2·4
Wardha ...	7,392	3,128	42 8	70-	9·6	569	7·7	613	8·3	169	2·2	619	8·3	80	1·0	269	3·6
Balaghat ...	3,019	1,337	44·3	825	27·3	105	3·5	226	7·5	83	2 7	188	6·2	39	1·2	81	2·6
Jubbulpore ..	7,862	3.140	39·9	1,109	14·1	743	9·5	149	1·9	248	3·1	756	9·6	214	2·7	441	5·6
Saugor ..	5,571	2,280	40 9	1,076	19·3	218	3·9	238	4·3	113	2 0	442	7·9	178	3·2	2 3	4·1
Damoh ...	3,303	1,299	39·3	636	19·3	30	0·9	99	3·0	60	1·8	322	9 7	118	3·5	186	5·6
Seoni ...	2,836	1,000	35·3	675	23·8	173	6 1	128	4 5	116	4 0	180	·6 3	145	5·1	144	5 0
Mandla ..	1,905	231	17·7	488	37·0	118	9·0	46	3·5	97	7 4	117	8·9	23	1·7	44	3 3
Hoshangabad ...	7,614	3,933	51·7	1,372	18 0	95	1·2	239	3·1	95	1·2	467	6·1	168	2·2	518	6 8
Betul ...	2 761	1.157	42·0	477	17·3	131	4 7	141	5 1	108	3·9	223	8 0	75	2·7	182	6·5
Narsinghpur ..	6,727	3,369	50·0	801	11·9	188	2·8	365	5·4	88	1·3	1,278	18 9	33	0·4	277	4·1
Chhindwara ...	4,031	1,828	45·3	904	22·4	211	5·2	1.8	2·8	105	2·6	193	4·7	109	2 7	216	5·2
Nimar ...	7,095	3,650	51·4	655	9·2	748	10·5	403	5 6	110	1·5	320	4·	28	0 3	19	2·7
Raipur ..	7,856	1.838	23 4	1,991	25·3	676	8 6	256	3·2	394	5··	694	8·8	461	5·8	345	4·3
Sambalpur ..	4,366	1,11·	25 6	1,203	27·6	369	8·5	317	7·2	238	5·4	349	7 9	115	2 6	375	8·5
Bilaspur ...	6,377	1,174	18·4	1,751	27·5	571	9 0	321	5 0	215	3·3	380	5·9	174	2·7	258	4·0
Total .	*1,10,479	48,665	44·0	18,633	16·9	7,560	6·8	4,660	4 2	2,810	2·5	8,805	7·9	2,305	2·1	4,702	4·2

* Includes 7 suits instituted in the Court of the Commissioner, Nagpur Division.

11. Table G has been prepared to show the classified details of the principal descriptions of suits shown in Table E, distributed according to districts.

12. Table H gives the relative value of the principal descriptions of suits.

TABLE H.

Description of suits	Number	Percentage of					
		Suits not exceeding				Suits above	Total
		Rs 10	Rs 50	Rs. 100.	Rs 500	Rs 500	
Contract in writing ...	48,665	9 9	58 0	18 4	12·4	1·3	100·
Contract not in writing ...	18,633	41·3	46 7	6·6	4·4	1 0	100·
Goods sold .	7,560	61 2	33·9	3 1	1 7	0·1	100·
Moveable property or value thereof ..	4,660	32·3	7·9	11·1	7 3	1·4	100·
Damages .	2,810	23 3	44·5	15 6	14 1	2 5	100·
Arrears of rent ..	8,805	27·2	53 4	13 1	6 1	0 2	100
Immoveable property ..	4,702	16·8	36 9	16 4	20 5	7 4	100
		Increase or decrease compared with the results of 1887.					
Contract in writing ...	—1,331	—0 9	+1·4	—0 2		—0 2	—0·1
Contract not in writing ...	+502	—0·6	+1 5	—0·4		—0 6	+0·1
Goods sold ...	—1,729	+0·1	+1 3	—0·8		—0 6	..
Moveable property or value thereof ..	—421	—3 8	+1 8	+1·7		—0 3	+0·6
Damages	+17	—3·0	+4 8	—2 1		+0·5	—0 2
Arrears of rent ...	+389	—2 7	+1 5	+1·6		—0·4	
Immoveable property ..	+673	—2·5	+0·7	+1 1		+1 1	—0 4

C —General Distribution and Results of Trials of Civil Suits by Courts of Original Jurisdiction,

I.—Distribution.

13. The following table shows how the suits disposed of during the year were distributed among the different classes of Courts in the several districts :—

TABLE J.

Total number of Judges.		8	31	18	51	2	45	18	
Districts.		Small Cause Courts	Naib Tahsildars	Munsiffs.	Tahsildars	Honorary Assistant Commissioners	Assistant Commissioners and Civil Judges.	Deputy Commissioners.	Total.
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Nagpur	...	9,093	1,106	6,746	2,409	..	1,329	...	20,683
Chanda	...	...	3,170	...	1,869	.	564	3	5,606
Bhandara	..	...	3,782	...	2,284	11	843	3	6,923
Wardha	...	...	...	5,450	1,240	...	710	...	7,400
Balaghat	...	..	2,045	...	631	...	362	...	3,038
Jubbulpore	.	3,681	1,588	546	1,160	.	974		7,952
Saugor	..	305	1,198	1,212	1,945	..	840	3	5,503
Damoh	..	...	1,257	..	1,469	..	483	...	3,209
Seoni	..	...	1,730	...	574	...	519	14	2,837
Mandla	...	...	560	..	488	...	168	...	1,216
Hoshangabad	...	...	1,318	3,610	1,589	...	1,283	1	7,801
Betul	..	...	1,440	...	917	...	360	4	2,721
Narsinghpur	..	...	180	4,830	485	...	1,278	...	6,773
Chhindwara	...	...	2,430	...	1,061	...	478	30	3,999
Nimar	...	20	3,473	1,775	1,949	35	838	5	7,195
Raipur	...	...	3,069	2,392	1,411	...	1,027	6	7,904
Sambalpur	..	...	...	3,028	330	...	687	11	4,006
Bilaspur	...	...	3,555	944	1,377	...	584	9	6,469
Total ...	1888 ..	13,102	31,000	30,533	22,288	46	13,277	89	1,11,235
	1887 ..	13,337	35,067	28,051	22,397	57	12,257	123	1,11,289
Percentage ..	1888 .	11·8	28·7	27·5	20·0	..	11·9	0·1	100
	1887 ..	12·0	31·5	25·2	20·1	0·1	11·0	0·1	100
	1886...	12·5	30·9	24·4	20·0	.	12·1	0·1	100
	1885 .	11·5	45·0	6·3	25·4	.	11·6	0·2	100
	1884 ..	11·2	48·0	.	29·3	...	11·3	0·2	100

It will be observed that exactly 68 per cent of the whole number of suits were disposed of by Small Cause Courts, Naib-Tahsildars, and Munsiffs, as against 68·7 per cent in 1887; that a smaller part of this work has been done by Naib-Tahsildars and a larger by Munsiffs; that Tahsildars did a little less work than in 1887; and that the amount of work done by Assistant Commissioners and Civil Judges has substantially increased. The number of original cases tried by Deputy Commissioners has again considerably diminished, and the original jurisdiction of Deputy Commissioners has been to a large extent transferred to Civil Judges.

The two Honorary Assistant Commissioners who did civil work during the year disposed of 46 cases only, Rao Bahadur Rao Yado Rao having been invested with Civil powers late in the year, and Mr Balwant Rao Bhuskutti having sat during 6½ months only, and during that time disposed of no more than 35 cases.

The only unpaid officer who did much work was Raja Rup Narain Singh, Honorary Munsiff of Bilaspur, who disposed of 944 cases during the year.

The Judicial Commissioner would not recommend any large employment of unpaid agency in the disposal of Civil suits.

14. The following table gives the institution of suits in the various Courts according to value :—

TABLE K.

Judges.	Registrars of Courts of Small Causes	Judges of Courts of Small Causes	Naib Tahsildars	Tahsildars and Munsiffs	Assistant and Extra-Assistant Commissioners including Civil Judges.	Deputy Commissioners	Commissioners.	Total
Number of Judges	2	6	31	69	47	18	4	177

Grades of value of suits.	Total No. of suits instituted.	Percentage of suits instituted in the Courts of each class of Judge						
Not exceeding Rs 10	26,397	16 8	42 3	34 9	6 0	.	...	100
Do. 50	55,133	12·4	40·3	41 3	6 0	.	..	100
Do 100	15,072	10·4	1·0	76·9	11 7	...	..	100
Do. 500	11,545	10 4	...	48 2	41 3	0 1	...	100
Do. 1,000	1,094	6·9	...	..	93·0	0 1	...	100
Do. 5,000	721	...	.	...	94·2	5 5	0 3	100
Do. 10,000	67	.	...	...	61·2	38 8	.	100
Exceeding 10,000	29	...	..	.	55·2	44·8	..	100
No. of suits the value of which can not be estimated	421	...	...	..	99 1	0·9	.	100
All grades...	1,10,479	12 8	30·4	44 5	12·2	0·1	...	100

15. The general results of the trials of the suits disposed of are shown below :—

TABLE L.

Results.	Number of suits.	Proportion per cent in 1888	Corresponding proportion in			
			1887	1886	1885.	1884.
Plaints rejected or returned ...	835	0·7	0·7	0·7	0·7	0 7
Transferred to other districts or Small Cause Courts' jurisdiction ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
(*a*).—*Disposed of without contest.*						
Dismissed for default ...	20,641	18 5	18·2	18·4	18·9	19·1
Withdrawn with leave ..	1,017	0·9	1 0	1·0	1·0	1·0
Compromised ..	11,168	10·1	10·1	10·7	10·7	11·5
Decreed on confession ...	23,173	20·8	22·0	21·8	21·0	21·5
Decreed *ex parte* ..	20,300	18·3	18·5	17·4	16·5	16·3
Dismissed *ex parte* ..	1,154	1·0	1·1	0 9	0·8	1·0
Total uncontested..	77,453	69 6	70 9	70·2	68 9	70·4
(*b*).—*Contested and judgment given for*						
Plaintiff in whole ..	14,889	13 3	12·5	12·7	12·7	12·0
Do. in part ..	9,376	8·4	8 6	9 0	9·3	9·1
Defendant in whole ...	8,733	7 9	7 3	7·3	8 4	7·8
Total contested ...	32,948	29·6	28·4	29·0	30 4	28·9

The proportions of cases contested and uncontested, and those of cases dismissed for default, compromised, and decreed *ex parte*, exhibit ordinary fluctuations not susceptible of any special explanation. As such a large proportion of suits consists of suits for small debts, there is nothing surprising in the percentages of suits decided *ex parte* or dismissed in default. The procedure of the Courts in these and other matters requires to be watched, and the Judicial Commissioner believes that the Deputy Commissioners exercise the necessary supervision.

16. The number of suits pending at the end of the year was 9,140, as against 10,385 at the close of 1887, but the numbers pending over 2 and 3 months respectively were 611 and 240 as against 601 and 168 so pending at the close of 1887. Bhandara and Wardha show the largest number of suits pending in proportion to the number disposed of.

17. The following figures show the provincial durations and average number of hearings for the last two years :—

		1887.	1888.
Duration of suits ...	Contested ...	51·7	53·5
	Uncontested ...	32·7	34·2
Average number of hearings ...	Contested ...	3·5	3·1
	Uncontested ...	2·0	1·7

Thus whilst the average duration of suits has increased, the average number of hearings has diminished. The decrease in the average number of hearings is satisfactory. If press of work makes long durations inevitable, it is better that cases should be fixed for somewhat distant days, on which they can really be taken up and disposed of, than that the parties should be harassed by having to attend Court again and again only to find their cases adjourned. The average number of hearings is much too high in some Courts, probably owing to a neglect to thoroughly go into the case at once and ascertain the questions at issue, and to unnecessary adjournments.

In this connection the Judicial Commissioner would notice with approval the remark of the Deputy Commissioner of Mandla that he is instructing the Tahsildars in his district to set apart for their civil work days on which they are likely to be at the head-quarters of their tahsils, and to fix civil cases for those days only.

The worst averages of hearings are shown by the two districts which show the largest proportion of pending cases, Bhandara and Wardha, and the durations in those districts are also considerably above the provincial average.

The bad results in Bhandara are attributed by the Deputy Commissioner to the time of one of his assistants having been a good deal taken up with land acquisition work

The Deputy Commissioner of Wardha points out that there has been an improvement as compared with the figures of 1887 in all the Courts of the district but two in the duration of contested cases, and a general improvement throughout the district in the average number of hearings in both contested and uncontested cases; and that though there has been an increase in the duration of uncontested cases, it is due to the Courts having become more careful in the matter of requiring proper proof of service of summons before proceeding to hear a case *ex parte*.

The Deputy Commissioner protests very strongly against the system of 'awarding praise and blame for good and bad averages,' and he is no doubt right in impressing on his subordinates that they should not scamp their work in the hope of thereby showing good averages. But there can also be no doubt that if a Court is found to have a heavy pending

file, long durations, and a high average number of hearings, there is reason to infer that the presiding officer has been wanting either in method or in application, and has failed to cope properly with his work. Colonel Scott's report is an interesting one, and shows that he has taken great pains in supervising the work of the subordinate Courts in his district.

18. The number of Commissions issued by the Courts was as follows:—

	1887.	1888.
For local investigation ...	1,007	710
For examination of accounts ...	203	76

Unnecessary commissions are still issued, but monthly detailed statements of all commissions issued are received from every district, and orders issued thereon, which will, it may be hoped, gradually work a further improvement.

19. References to arbitration continue to decrease in number, only 82 cases having been decided by arbitrators in the year under review as against 101 so disposed of in 1887. Probably arbitration is not resorted to because the delivery of the award is so often delayed, and because the award is final and there is no appeal.

20. The number of cases decided on special oath has diminished, being only 326, as against 409 so decided in the previous year. The district reports show that Deputy Commissioners have carefully supervised the procedure of subordinate courts in deciding cases in this manner, and have found that the oaths administered were of an unobjectionable kind.

21. The numbers of cases in which Courts directed that the costs or any part of the costs of a winning plaintiff should not follow the event have been as follows in the past three years:—

1886.	1887.	1888.
840	398	394

And the numbers of cases in which payment by instalments was decreed as follows:—

1886.	1887.	1888.
3,143	2,866	2,369

In these points too the district reports evidence careful supervision by Deputy Commissioners of the procedure of subordinate Courts, and the diminution in the number of such orders may be taken as showing that more discretion has been exercised in passing them.

Instalment decrees have generally been by consent of parties.

D.—Appellate Business.

22. The following table compares the number of first appeals instituted in 1887 and 1888:—

TABLE M.

Appeals to Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners.

	Courts of Commissioners.		Courts of Deputy Commissioners		Courts of Civil Judges		Total.		Percentage of appeals to appealable cases.	
	1887	1888	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888	1887.	1888.	1887.	1888.
From decrees of ordinary Civil Courts	262	311	3,205	3,437	2,016	2,844	5,573	6,592	...	...
From orders ..	41	41	242	217	138	210	425	468	...	...
Total ..	303	352	3,538	3,654	2,154	3,054	5,998	7,060	20 2	23 5

It will be noticed that, despite the decline in the number of original suits instituted, the total number of first appeals has increased to a considerable extent. The increase is about 18 per cent in appeals to the Commissioner and in appeals to the Courts of the Deputy Commissioner or Civil Judge, and the percentage of appeals to appealable cases has also risen. It is impossible to say why there has been an increase. The appeals in the Judicial Commissioner's Court are 15 per cent more than they were in 1887. The increase in the Judicial Commissioner's and the Commissioner's Courts might be said to be due to the transfer of original and appellate jurisdiction to Civil Judges. It might be said that people appealed because they were not so satisfied with the decision of a Civil Judge as they were with that of a Deputy Commissioner. But in the case of first appeals to the Court of the Deputy Commissioner, the increase does not appear to be connected with the appointment of a Civil Judge as appeals increased in districts where there was no Civil Judge. In 1885 there was a large increase in the number of appeals which was thought to be due to the increase in the number of suits between landlord and tenant, but the number of appeals decreased in 1886 and again in 1887.

23. The Judicial Commissioner is not satisfied with the way in which in some districts the work has been distributed between the Deputy Commissioner and the Civil Judge. He agrees generally with the remarks made with reference to this subject by the Commissioner of the Chhattisgarh Division. The distribution should be so arranged that the Deputy Commissioner may keep himself acquainted with the working of all the Courts in his district. The inferior Courts of these Provinces depend for their efficiency on the control and supervision exercised over them by the Court of Appeal, and this control and supervision cannot as a rule be safely placed entirely in the hands of an Assistant or Extra Assistant Commissioner. By making over to a Civil Judge all appeals from the Courts of Tahsildars and Naib Tahsildars the Deputy Commissioner loses sight of the working of those Courts, and when all appeals

in suits below a certain value are made over to the Civil Judge, the result is in some districts that the Deputy Commissioner sees nothing or very little of the course of litigation between landlord and tenant. Appeals from Assistant Commissioners should, Mr. Crosthwaite thinks be heard by the Deputy Commissioner because, for one reason especially, it is most important that junior Civilians who will in a few years be placed in charge of districts should have the best possible training. With regard to original suits in the Court of the Deputy Commissioner there can be no question that the Civil Judge should try all within his jurisdiction except those which, for some particular reasons, the Deputy Commissioner may think it right to try himself.

24. The result of appeals, first and second, is shown in the following table:—

TABLE N.

Disposal of Appeals.

Courts.	Confirmed without notice to respondent		Dismissed in default.		Remanded for retrial.		Decree of Lower Courts.						Total disposed of
							Modified.		Reversed.		Confirmed		
	Number	Percentage of total appeals.	Number	Percentage of total appeals.	Number.	Percentage of total appeals	Number	Percentage of total appeals	Number	Percentage of total appeals	Number	Percentage of total appeals	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Court of the Judicial Commissioner ...	271	35·9	16	2·1	49	6·5	49	6·5	113	14·9	258	34·1	756
Courts of the Commissioner—													
Nagpur ...	1	1·4	5	6·9	1	1·4	10	13·8	12	16·6	43	59·7	72
Jubbulpore ..	5	6·9	1	1·4	8	10·9	5	6·9	21	28·7	33	45·2	73
Nerbudda ...	3	2·0	7	4·8	5	3·5	21	14·5	29	20·0	80	55·2	145
Chhattisgarh ..	7	9·7	2	2·8	7	9·7	6	8·4	8	11·1	42	58·3	72
Total ..	16	4·4	15	4·2	21	5·8	42	11·6	70	19·3	198	54·7	362
District Appellate Courts													
Nagpur ..	1	0·2	29	4·5	14	2·2	85	13·2	133	20·7	380	59·2	642
Chanda ...	29	10·3	19	6·7	12	4·3	33	11·4	55	19·5	135	47·8	282
Bhandara ..	11	3·1	28	8·1	20	5·8	54	15·6	60	17·3	174	50·1	347
Wardha ...	126	23·9	24	4·5	16	2·9	109	20·5	108	19·3	155	28·9	535
Balaghat ...	22	13·0	18	10·7	9	5·3	15	8·9	23	13·6	82	48·5	169
Jubbulpore ...	19	5·3	32	8·9	20	5·5	37	10·2	78	21·6	175	48·5	361
Saugor ...	57	21·4	22	8·3	34	12·8	45	16·9	17	6·4	91	34·2	266
Damoh .	32	16·8	11	5·8	9	4·7	18	9·5	43	22·1	78	41·1	190
Seoni ...	33	11·8	12	4·3	11	4·0	24	8·6	50	17·9	149	53·4	279
Mandla .	25	31·6	7	8·9	3	3·8	...	...	23	29·1	21	26·6	79
Hoshangabad .	5	0·7	48	6·8	112	15·7	70	9·8	157	22·0	321	45·0	713
Betul ...	57	19·2	11	3·7	5	1·7	24	8·0	54	18·2	146	49·2	297
Narsinghpur ...	39	6·6	31	5·3	22	3·7	55	9·3	143	24·2	301	50·9	591
Chhindwara ..	100	40·2	15	6·0	8	3·2	22	8·8	34	13·7	70	28·1	249
Nimar ..	76	23·1	23	6·9	19	5·8	31	9·5	65	19·8	115	34·9	329
Raipur ...	142	18·1	123	15·7	55	7·0	53	6·8	117	14·9	294	37·5	784
Sambalpur .	22	7·5	10	3·3	11	3·7	44	14·3	59	19·0	160	52·2	306
Bilaspur ...	29	5·8	40	10·1	27	6·8	45	11·3	72	18·1	190	47·9	397
Total ...	821	12·0	503	7·4	407	6·0	768	11·2	1,285	18·8	3,037	44·6	6,816
Grand Total ..	1,108	14·0	534	6·7	477	6·0	854	10·8	1,468	18·5	3,493	44·0	7,934

The Courts seem to have exercised a sounder discretion in deciding whether they should dispose of cases under Section 551 of the Code of Civil Procedure. There was no district in which no case was decided under that section

during the year, though in Hoshangabad only 5 cases were so decided out of 713, and no district in which the majority of cases were so decided, though the proportion in Chhindwara (40 2 per cent) was somewhat high. The number of remands in the Hoshangabad District was excessive. In appeals from the judgments of the Deputy Commissioner of that District it has been pointed out to him that his procedure in remanding cases was erroneous.

25. The average durations of appeals both regular and miscellaneous increased in District Courts, but decreased in the Courts of Commissioners. The total number of appeals disposed of by Deputy Commissioners and Civil Judges was 6,816 as against 5,517 in the previous year, and the average duration increased from 43·0 to 46 4 in regular appeals, and from 33·2 to 36·9 in miscellaneous appeals.

In the Courts of Commissioners, though the number of institutions increased, the number of cases disposed of was fewer by 8 than in 1887. But the average duration of regular appeals fell from 121·5 in that year to 89·8 and that of miscellaneous appeals from 120·6 to 90·7.

26. In the Judicial Commissioner's Court the average durations were 129·5 in regular, and 108·5 in miscellaneous appeals, as against 109·5 and 98·7 in the preceding year. The duration was affected partly by the number of institutions and partly by Mr. Crosthwaite's absence on deputation.

But the number of regular appeals disposed of was considerably greater than in the preceding year, *viz.*, 709 as against 597, and though the number of such appeals filed increased from 626 in 1887 to 708 in 1888, the number of cases left pending at the end of the year was diminished by one (being 238 as against 239 at the end of 1887.)

On the other hand, the number of miscellaneous appeals and revision cases disposed of was somewhat less in 1888 than in 1887.

E.—Execution of Decrees.

27. The action of the Courts in executing decrees may be summarized thus:—

The number of applications for execution presented during the year was 84,238, of which 9,578 remained pending at the close of the year The figures for 1887 were 82,575 and 9,969, so that whilst the number of applications increased, rather fewer were left pending than at the end of 1887.

Satisfaction in full was obtained in 17,368, and in part in 16,196 cases, whilst 37,876 applications proved wholly infructuous.

The percentage of wholly infructuous applications exceeded 50 per cent in the following districts:—

Nagpur	with a percentage of	57·4
Chanda	ditto	52·2
Bhandara	ditto	58·6
Wardha	ditto	63·4
Hoshangabad	ditto	50 4
Betul	ditto	53.3
Nimar	ditto	57·9
Balaghat	ditto	56 5
Raipur	ditto	51·0

High averages of infructuous applications are generally explained as being due to applications having been made in many instances solely for the purpose of keeping decrees alive.

The amount realized by process was Rs. 11,75,016, and the amount realised without process was Rs. 26,076.

Judgment debtors were imprisoned in 351 cases only as against 599 cases in 1887, and arrested but not imprisoned in 1,664 cases only as against 2,801 cases in 1887. The decrease in these figures was no doubt due to the effect of Act VI of 1888, which came into force on the 23rd March 1888 and a still more marked decrease should be observable this year.

28. Both the fees levied for and the charges incurred in the service and execution of processes (additional Statement No. VIII) were more in 1888 than in 1887, the figures being Rs. 2,19,987 and Rs. 82,217 as against Rs. 2,16,286 and Rs. 78,270.

F.—Work done by Officers.

29. The following tables, O to S, are comparative statements showing the work done year by year during the last 5 years by the various Courts of the Province :—

TABLE O.

Work done by the Judicial Commissioner.

Special appeals					Miscellaneous Appeals					Applications under Section 622, C C P.				
1884	1885.	1886	1887	1888	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888	1884.	1885	1886.	1887	1888
501	441	756	597	709	36	42	66	61	47	161	195	143	171	156

TABLE P.

Work done by Commissioners.

Courts.	Regular Appeals					Miscellaneous Appeals				
	1884	1885.	1886	1887	1888	1884.	1885	1886	1887.	1888
Commissioner of Nagpur ...	100	112	73	98	68	4	...	...	3	4
Commissioner of Jubbulpore	87	109	129	49	60	13	18	13	8	13
Commissioner of Nerbudda ...	65	218	151	98	130	6	19	16	20	15
Commissioner of Chhattisgarh .	74	123	24	35	50	16	8	9	5	22
Additional Commissioner, Nagpur, Nerbudda and Jubbulpore Divisions ..	310	...	...		.	21	...	..		
Total	636	562	356	280	308	60	45	38	36	54

TABLE Q.

Work done by Deputy Commissioners.

Districts.	Original suits					Miscellaneous suits					Execution cases					Insolvency cases					Regular appeals,					Miscellaneous appeals				
	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888
Nagpur ...	10	1	2	3	...	5	6	1	...	...	4	2	3	7	3	...	..	...	..	..	116	124	173	176	135	5	9	23	18	6
Chanda ...	8	..	..	2	3	14	22	11	12	7	12	6	2		1	5	10	7	..	..	86	261	211	255	269	8	5	3	10	13
Bhandara ..	11	3	4	5	3	5	1	2	1	9	24	6	5	11	5	11	5	6	10	2	224	281	237	211	327	13	14	12	11	20
Wardha ...	9	13	5	..	..	9	3	6	2	..	5	2	3	3	...	..	..	.		..	163	71	153	134	115	11	6	12	12	4
Balaghat ..	3	20	10	1	..	6	27	13	10	16	4	11	20	10	5	2	3	3	4	.	110	265	170	168	165	2	10	4	2	4
Jubbulpore ...	8	20	12	15		18	11	14	18	34	26	31	35	15	9		...	1	...	..	249	231	131	117	159	5	9	9	15	7
Saugor ...	5	1	11	9	3	2	2	10	7	2	6	4	13	8	1	...	...	..	10	2	245	384	245	187	81	24	21	42	13	5
Damoh ...	11	9	3	3	...	6	2	7	18	4	11	7	5	3	4	2	2	4	2	3	134	208	223	181	183	3	3	5	10	7
Seoni ..	27	42	26	17	14	9	7	5	6	11	19	18	28	24	27	1	2	8	4	2	143	185	188	173	261		..	8	16	18
Mandla	4	10	5	...	..		..	..	..	9	6	7	11	5	..	1	1	2	8	2	16	46	38	54	78			2	4	1
Hoshangabad ..	1	3	14	7	1		..	1	...	...	..	..	10	3	4	...	6	.	.	...	89	300	161	197	232	3	20	4	20	17
Betul ..	15	19	15	12	4	11	9	17	2	10	18	24	19	24	11	..	1	6	1	3	224	262	246	237	281	2	7	5	22	16
Narsinghpur ..	11	1	22	15		2	6	21	7	.	8	..	12	24	..	..	..	4	..	1	43	506	161	149	222	25	62	16	15	20
Chhindwara ...	21	15	26	21	30	21	19	15	14	21	13	25	18	29	27	5	1	1	...	...	180	261	253	263	239	11	13	8	13	10
Nimar .	6	1	1	1	5	45	31	...	..	13	11	..	9	14	5	18	12	4	...	.	237	245	336	307	312	17	12	15	10	17
Raipur ...	13	8	6	1	6	2	...	...	10	19	9	7	6	3	3	..	1	.	..	..	310	247	245	205	157	19	22	24	27	20
Sambalpur ...	21	29	11	6	11	35	20	20	4	27	32	6	1	4	8	16	9	6	...	10	219	240	161	61	126	7	11	10	1	14
Bilaspur ...	28	45	4	5	9	2	13	4	2	4	12	20	10	3	3	3	4	1	5	1	149	203	264	246	56	2	8	20	6	5
Total ..	212	240	177	123	89	192	179	147	113	189	220	176	210	190	116	64	57	53	44	26	3,329	4,319	3,646	3,321	3,398	161	232	222	225	204

TABLE B.

Work done by Assistant and Extra-Assistant Commissioners.

Districts.	Original Suits					Miscellaneous Suits.					Execution cases.					Insolvency cases					Regular appeals					Miscellaneous appeals.				
	1884.	1885	1886.	1887.	1888.	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888	1884	1885.	1886	1887	1888	1884.	1885	1886	1887	1888	1884	1885	1886	1887	1 888	1884.	1885	1886	1887	1888.
Nagpur ...	1,354	1,072	1,133	1,129	1,329	239	148	10[illegible]	179	201	1,667	1,486	1,300	1,123	1,229	49	65	68	51	92	269	359	260	211	457	11	15	15	10	44
Chanda ...	538	536	411	484	564	113	131	99	107	154	590	602	528	428	49	..	.	..	..	2	...	.	..	..		..	...	...	...	...
Bhandara ...	705	675	723	736	843	179	112	150	124	168	1,017	859	806	767	786	...	...	...	..	.	...	...	...	.		...	...	...	...	...
Wardha ...	591	874	1,536	707	710	176	331	306	142	132	475	699	935	778	781	9	14	15	18	.	152	338	303	314	379	12	14	9	16	37
Balaghat ...	329	454	314	422	362	55	61	59	59	42	259	367	321	355	355	...	...	.	...	.	..	.	...	...	...	..	..	..	...	..
Jubbulpore ...	654	957	873	832	974	49	100	122	104	92	394	560	524	586	599	26	28	22	26	18	..	193	258	197	193	...	6	1	7	2
Saugor ...	691	764	642	787	840	119	112	111	72	142	607	566	595	561	685	...	4	4	..	5	...	...	..	..	169	...	..	...	...	11
Damoh ...	300	342	469	418	483	18	18	23	46	22	182	189	236	259	290	...	...	...	.	..	...	..	..	...	...	.	...	..	...	..
Seoni ...	318	378	434	399	519	58	81	71	85	88	202	306	375	370	391	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mandla	163	257	240	219	168	2	5	38	38	20	117	127	144	153	97	...	...	...	...	.	...	.	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hoshangabad ...	917	1,205	941	945	1,283	76	109	68	78	103	942	1,061	875	902	1,058	20	...	9	2	..	222	234	293	379	426	10	6	3	30	38
Betul ...	286	370	545	421	360	76	80	109	86	50	199	340	434	288	207	..	...	...	...	..	...		..	...	..	.	..	...	.	..
Narsinghpur ...	751	951	1,085	1,122	1,278	79	61	56	93	139	591	727	760	934	993	4	8	17	26	19	..	12	318	289	327		..	23	26	22
Chhindwara ...	522	619	591	522	478	58	63	45	54	44	393	426	435	402	389	...	...	...		.	..	...		..	...	..	...	...	...	...
Nimar ...	796	785	1,186	780	838	118	179	249	154	181	812	917	994	866	840	..	14	18	25	12	...	...			.	.		...	...	...
Raipur ...	1,007	949	1,090	1,257	1,027	58	61	70	102	94	543	418	551	541	549	7	10	12	13	5	67	173	275	278	579	...	11	26	29	28
Sambalpur ...	581	630	585	516	637	106	84	34	37	29	281	321	326	232	303	..	...	4	8	.	104	.	107	159	161	..	...	3	5	5
Bilaspur ...	692	485	593	555	584	31	59	51	40	47	325	263	286	290	338	...		...	...	2		...		2[illegible]	320	..	...	...	...	16
Total	11,195	12,303	13,381	12,257	13,277	1,610	1,795	1,769	1,600	1,748	9,594	10,234	10,417	9,918	10,386	115	143	169	177	155	891	1,309	1,806	1,849	3,011	33	52	80	122	203

TABLE S.

Work done by Tahsildars, Munsiffs and Naib Tahsildars

Districts.	Original suits					Miscellaneous suits					Execution cases				
	1884.	1885.	1886	1887	1888.	1884	1885	1886	1887.	1888	1884	1885	1886.	1887.	1888.
Nagpur	9,085	10,007	10,426	10,697	10,261	685	791	871	1,068	1,028	7,041	8,315	8,966	9,210	9,080
Chanda ...	4,473	4,360	4,570	4,510	5,039	358	562	659	636	589	2,420	2,981	3,255	3,239	3,720
Bhandara	5,772	5,628	4,886	5,789	6,066	542	537	448	581	693	2,677	2,981	2,924	3,602	4,022
Wardha	6,787	7,777	7,024	7,001	6,690	683	1,053	1,081	906	956	4,726	5,727	6,240	6,017	6,562
Balaghat	2,328	2,371	2,176	2,595	2,676	118	145	148	198	170	1,389	1,658	1,651	1,528	1,578
Jubbulpore	2,911	3,492	3,648	3,442	3,294	74	80	106	142	151	1,465	1,446	1,591	1,673	1,693
Saugor	3,605	4,273	4,320	4,219	4,355	167	266	341	304	557	1,804	2,120	2,440	2,440	2,494
Damoh	1,778	2,101	2,357	2,311	2,726	105	165	139	143	165	679	841	897	1 207	1,271
Seoni . ..	1,623	2,033	2,526	2,411	2,304	77	83	116	131	127	741	869	1,148	1,213	1,316
Mandla	733	977	1,361	1,519	1,048	13	29	25	29	42	209	226	372	495	296
Hoshangabad .. .	6,505	7,007	6,837	6,825	6,517	419	492	467	444	325	4,177	4,445	4,645	4,503	4,357
Betul	2,470	2,623	2,433	2,330	2,357	243	312	219	228	202	1,443	1,396	1,368	1,383	1,406
Narsinghpur	4,937	5,143	5,168	5,262	5,495	165	185	204	155	196	3,993	4,131	3,990	3,863	3,623
Chhindwara	3,372	3,629	4,150	3,795	3,491	207	220	182	225	208	2,227	2,425	2,498	2,644	2,497
Nimar	7,051	6,973	6,116	7,116	6,297	439	469	541	493	492	4,499	4,736	4,658	4,772	4,653
Raipur	6,182	5,451	6,977	7,638	6,871	153	146	75	150	174	2,764	2,526	2,828	3,212	2,738
Sambalpur . ..	3,871	3,292	3,843	2,884	3,358	198	104	117	84	173	1,461	1,426	1,245	1,183	1,347
Bilaspur	3,439	3,994	5,304	5,121	5,876	108	126	162	183	226	1,092	1.236	1,545	1,634	1,788
Total ...	76,922	81,130	83,622	85,515	84,721	4,704	5,767	5,909	6,103	6,268	44,807	49,429	52,261	53,818	54,441

G.—Miscellaneous.

30. In consequence of the discovery of frauds in connection with process fees in the Saugor district, new rules in regard to the realization of process fees and the procedure to be observed in receiving and accounting for witnesses' diet money were prescribed during the year. There has not yet been time to appreciate the working of these rules, but Deputy Commissioners should notice the subject in their next year's reports.

31. The amalgamation of the staff of judicial and revenue copyists has been sanctioned during the year and will take effect from the 1st April next.

32. The Judicial Commissioner has during the year under review considered very carefully the sufficiency of the staff of Moharirs attached to the Tahsili Courts of the Province. It is, Mr Crosthwaite thinks, very desirable—(except in the case of lightly worked Courts held in the same building or at a very little distance apart)—that every Court should have a Moharir of its own.

33. The office of Judicial Commissioner was held by Mr. R J. Crosthwaite from the 1st January to the 18th September, and by Mr. J. W Neill from the 19th September to the end of the year.

Mr Crosthwaite inspected the following districts during the year under review.—

Seoni,		Mandla;
Balaghat,		

and Mr. Neill the following—

Nagpur,		Raipur
Bilaspur,		

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant.

J. A. C. SKINNER,

Registrar.

PRESCRIBED
STATEMENTS

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. I.—(Civil and Criminal).

Statement showing the number of Judicial Divisions and the number of Officers exercising Appellate or Original jurisdiction in the Central Provinces, on the last day of the year 1888 with the cost of Tribunals.

Name of Province.		Area.	Population	Number of Divisions for Courts under Chief Court, but superior to Chief Courts of Districts.	Number of Districts.	Number of Sub-Districts.	Total number of officers exercising original or appellate jurisdiction.					Total number of cases decided.				Total receipts of the Courts.	Total charges of the Courts.
							Judges of Chief Court of Province.	Judges of other Courts superior to Chief District Courts.	Judges of Chief Courts of District.	Judges of District Courts other than Chief Courts.	Judges of other subordinate Courts.	Original.		Appeals			
												Regular.	Miscellaneous.	Regular.	Miscellaneous.		
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Central Provinces.	Territory subject to the High Court ... Civil and Revenue...	84,445	98,38,791	4	18	50	1	4	18	47	106	1,11,236	8,722	7,426	491	11,00,361	12,45,329
	Territory subject to the High Court ... Criminal ...									52	243	22,925	950	2,832	115		
	Ditto not subject to the High Court ... Civil and Revenue ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Ditto not subject to the High Court ... Criminal ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ..	84,445	98,38,791	4	18	50	1	4	18	56	291	1,34,161	9,672	10,258	606	11,00,361	12,45,329

NOTE.—Number of European and Native Judicial Officers exercising Appellate or Original jurisdiction.

The Civil Courts are those described in Act XVI. of 1865. On the Criminal side District Officers are included with 1st Class Magistrates.

CIVIL

Naib Tahsildars		Munsiffs		Judges of Small Cause Courts		Registrars of Small Cause Courts.		Courts of	Tahsildars.				Assistant Commissioners.						Civil Judges.	
Euro.	Natives.	Euro.	Natives	Europeans	Natives.	Europeans.	Natives		1st Class.		2nd Class		1st Class		2nd Class.		3rd Class.		Euro.	Natives.
									Euro.	Natives.	Euro.	Natives.	Euro.	Natives.	Euro.	Natives.	Euro.	Natives.		
0	31	0	18	4	2	0	2		0	41	0	10	4	9	4	12	5	2	1	10

Deputy Commissioners		Commissioners		Judicial Commissioners.	
Europ	Native.	Euro	Natives.	Euro.	Natives.
18	0	4	0	1	0

CRIMINAL

High Court Judges		Sessions Judges.		Magistrates	1st Class.		2nd Class.		3rd Class		Cantonment Magistrates	
Euro.	Natives.	Euro.	Natives.		Euro.	Natives.	Euro.	Natives	Euro.	Naives.	Euro.	Natives.
1	0	4	0		27	29	6	115	4	128	4	0

* The total columns 7 to 11 show the actual number of individuals as required. As same Officer has in some (but not in all) cases both Civil and Criminal powers, the figure total of columns 10 and 11 are higher than totals.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No 7 —Civil

Statement showing the number and description of Civil Suits instituted in the Civil Courts in the Central Provinces, in the year 1888

Class of Tribunals.	Suits for money or moveable property: Contract in writing	Contract not in writing	On account stated	Money had and received	Goods sold	Wages work and materials	Breach of contract not mentioned above	Rent not falling under the rent law	Moveable property or the value thereof	Damages	Suits between landlord and tenant: Suits for ejectment	Suits for recovery of possession	Suits for arrears of rent	Suits for recovery of a penalty for the levy of anything in excess of rent by a landlord	Suits for recovering a penalty from a landlord for not granting a receipt or giving a defective receipt	All other suits between landlord and tenant not included above	Title and other suits: Suits for immoveable property	Suits for declaratory decrees	Other suits under the Specific Relief Act	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property including pre-emption, rights of way, &c	Suits to declare and establish rights of easement	Suits for an account	Suits relating to religious endowments	Suits to set aside judgments, contracts, or obligations on the ground of fraud	Suits for dissolution of marriage	Suits for restitution of matrimonial rights	Suits for partitions	Suits relating to shipping	Suits relating to religion and caste	Administration suits	Interpleader suits	Dissolution of partnership	Suits under Section 261, Act X of 1865 (also Hindu Wills Act)	Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads	Grand Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR																																			
I.—Civil Courts.																																			
Unpaid Tribunals																																			
Village Courts	27		6		3				3	2							2																		42
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals	38,750	16,563	3,179	539	5,112	759	2,411	510	4,241	2,3[illegible]	1	6	8,[illegible]20	1	3	6	8[illegible]9	1		5	3														84,010
Small Cause Courts	6,856	1,583	1,077	57	2,103	206	73	215	118	18																									12,772
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	3,021	483	36	78	43	34	62	53	262	2[illegible]5	9[illegible]	1,303	18			19	3,81[illegible]	417	289	1,385	31	36	3	77	6	240	17					6		49	13,562
Chief Courts of Districts	11	4	1	3		1			4	3	1						29	3	1	15	2	1	1			1	1							11	93
Total	48,665	18,633	4,6[illegible]5	677	7,[illegible]00	1,030	2,53[illegible]	807	4,6[illegible]0	2,[illegible]81	961	1,315	8,[illegible]05	1	3	25	4,702	421	290	1,4[illegible]6	36	37	4	77	6	241	18				...	6	...	60	1,10,479
II.—Revenue Courts																																			
Unpaid Local Tribunals																																			...
Other Subordinate Courts																																			...
District Courts																																			...
Total																																			...
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT																																			...
Presidency Small Cause Courts																																			...
Superior Courts																																			...
Total																																			
Grand Total	48,665	18,633	4,62[illegible]	677	7,[illegible]00	1,030	2,5[illegible]	807	4,680	2,810	961	1,315	8,805	1	3	2[illegible]	4,70[illegible]	421	290	1,466	36	37	4	77	6	241	18				...	6	...	60	1,10,479

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 8.—(Civil.)

Statement showing number and value of suits instituted in the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Central Provinces in the year 1888.

Value of Suits.	Number of suits instituted in the different Courts.									Total value of suits.	Remarks.
	Not exceeding Rs 10.	Ditto Rs. 50.	Ditto Rs. 100.	Ditto Rs. 500	Ditto Rs. 1,000.	Ditto Rs. 5,000.	Ditto Rs. 10,000.	Exceeding Rs 10,000.	Number of suits the value of which cannot be estimated in money.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.											
I.—Civil Courts											
Unpaid Tribunals	4	8	4	28	..	...	...	..	..	6,139	
Village Courts	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Paid Sub Divisional Tribunals ...	29,397	45,009	11,711	5,560	...	...	..	...	...	...	
Small Cause Courts ..	4,529	6,844	1,567	1,201	75	...	...	...	...	20,59,744	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	1,576	3,269	1,756	4,747	1,017	679	41	16	417	5,10,074	
Chief Courts of Districts ..	1	3	4	16	2	42	20	13	4	33,83,744	
Total ..	26,397	55,133	15,072	11,545	1,094	721	67	29	421	5,40,554	
										70,91,259	
II.—Revenue Courts.											
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	.	...	...	
Other Subordinate Courts ...	..	...	..	...	...	...	..	.	...	...	
Collectors' Courts	.	...	...	...	...	...	..	.	...	.	
Total ..	...	...	..	..	...	..	.	.	..	...	
Courts at the Presidency or Seat of Government.											
Presidency Small Cause Courts ...	...	..	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	
Superior Courts	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total	..	.	...	.	...	...	...	..	...	.	
Grand Total	26,397	55,133	15,072	11,545	1,094	721	67	29	421	70,91,259	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 9.—(Civil.)

Statement showing the general result of the trial of Civil and Revenue cases in the Courts of original jurisdiction in the Central Provinces in the year 1888.

PART I.— CIVIL SUITS.

Class of Courts.	Total number of suits before the Courts	Number of suits disposed of										Pending at the close of the year	No. of cases pending more than 3 months at the close of the year	Average duration of suits		Remarks.
		Transferred to Courts in other Provinces	Without trial	Without contest				On reference to arbitration.		With contest				Contested	Uncontested.	
				Compromised	Decreed on confession	Decreed *ex parte*.	Dismissed *ex-parte*.	For plaintiff	For defendant	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or in part	Judgment for defendant					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																
I.—CIVIL COURTS.																
Unpaid Tribunals ..	55	...	11	4	10	9	...	...	...	11	1	5	...	58 6	24 2	
Village Courts ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals ..	91,210	...	18,244	9,108	17,852	15,411	965	28	6	17,127	5,681	6,48	105	50 2	34·9	
Small Cause Courts ..	13,791	...	1,992	1,144	3,482	3,489	74	6	2	2,56	605	65	2	28·0	21·9	
District Courts, other than Chief Courts of Districts ...	15,214	...	2,239	903	1,913	1,260	112	32	8	4,487	2,167	1,037	132	75·0	46·8	
Chief Courts of Districts ..	106	...	7	9	16	1	...	2	..	38	19	16	1	106	56·0	
Total ..	1,20,376	..	22,493	11,168	23,173	20,300	1,154	68	14	24,215	8,733	9,140	240	53·5	34·2	
II.—REVENUE COURTS.																
Unpaid Local Tribunals ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	
Other Subordinate Courts ..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
District Courts ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	
Total ..	...	...	..		...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																
Presidency Small Cause Courts ..	...	...	...	...	...	.	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Superior Courts .	..	...	...	...	..	...		..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total	...	.	...	...	..	...	.	.	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Grand Total ..	1,20 376	...	22,493	11,168	23,173	20,300	1,154	68	14	24,215	8,733	9,140	240	53·5	34 2	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 9.—(Civil)

Statement showing the general result of the trial of Civil and Revenue cases in the Courts of original jurisdiction in the Central Provinces in the year 1888

PART II.—MISCELLANEOUS CASES (JUDICIAL).

Class of Courts	Total number of cases before the Courts	Number of cases disposed of									Pending at the close of the year	No of cases pending more than 3 months at the close of the year	Average duration of cases.		Remarks
		Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Without trial	Without contest.				On reference to arbitration		With contest			Contested.	Uncontested	
				Compromised	Decreed on confession	Decreed ex parte	Dismissed ex parte	For plaintiff	For defendant	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or in part	Judgment for defendant				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR																
I.—CIVIL COURTS																
Unpaid Tribunals	2									1	1					
Village Courts														34 5		
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals	6,704		1 711	153	7.2	819	236	20	6	1 7 8	826	429		34-	25	
Small Cause Courts	521		18	10	7	22	2		4	1 3	9	13		25 3	12	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	1,998		439	42	145	13	62	2		513	402	256		28 7	22	
Chief Courts of Districts	190		67		6	4	20			20	16	7		33 3	16	
Total	9 421		2 799	205	913	1,022	344	22	1	2 469	1,145	689		34 7	24 4	
II.—REVENUE COURTS																
Unpaid Local Tribunals																
Other Subordinate Courts																
District Courts																
Total																
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT																
Presidency Small Cause Courts																
Superior Courts																
Total																
Grand Total	9 421		2,79	205	91	1,022	34	22	1	2,	1,14	689		34	24 4	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT, No. 10—(Civil.)

Statement showing the business of the Civil and Revenue Appellate Courts of the Central Provinces in the year 1888.

PART I—APPEALS.

Class of Courts.	Total Number of appeals before the Courts	Transferred to Courts in other Provinces	Appeals summarily rejected.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted	Heard *ex parte*.				Contested				Pending	Of those pending more than 3 months	Average duration of appeals.	Objections under Section 541, Act XIV of 1882
					Confirmed.	Modified	Reversed.	Remanded.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR																
APPEALS FROM ORIGINAL DECREES.																
A.—CIVIL COURTS.																
Chief Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of District	3,321	..	...	225	343	20	21	16	1,209	388	542	194	361	3	48·0	25
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts	3,796	.	...	244	520	14	37	6	1,571	328	579	150	347	20	45·1	21
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of Province	396	...	..	13	14	...	...	2	161	40	6	16	38	8	89·8	13
Total	7,513	...	..	482	877	34	60	24	2,941	756	1,183	360	796	31	48·4	63
B—REVENUE COURTS.																
Collectors' Appellate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Commissioners' Appellate Courts.	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	.	...	...	...	...	...
Total ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	..	...
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT																
Chief Court of Province { Appeals from original decrees	...	..	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	..	..	...	.	...	.	...
{ Appeals from Appellate do { Civil ...	947	.	...	14	267	...	7	1	232	48	96	44	238	55	129·5	8
{ Revenue ...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	.	...	...	...	...
Total .	947	...	...	14	267	..	7	1	232	48	96	44	238	55	129·5	8
Grand Total ...	8,460	...	...	496	1,144	34	67	25	3,173	804	1,279	404	1,034	90	56·1	71

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 10.—(Civil.)

Statement showing the business of the Civil and Revenue Appellate Courts of the Central Provinces in the year 1888.

PART II.—MISCELLANEOUS APPEALS (JUDICIAL.)

Class of Courts.	Total number of appeals before the Courts.	Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Appeals summarily rejected.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard *ex parte*				Contested				Pending	Of those pending more than 3 months.	Average duration of appeals.	Objections under Section 561, Act XIV of 1882.
					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed	Remanded.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed	Remanded.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																
APPEALS FROM ORIGINAL DECREES.																
A.—CIVIL COURTS.																
Chief Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of District	210	...	15	20	21	3	2	2	58	10	46	25	7	...	42·0	
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts	217	..	27	14	36	...	15	6	58	.	40	9	13	...	31·9	
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of Province	41	..	...	1	7	1	2	1	18	1	5	1	4	...	90·7	.
Total	468	...	42	35	64	4	20	8	134	11	91	35	24		41·4	.
B.—REVENUE COURTS.																
Collectors' Appellate Courts ...	...	...			...	...	.		.	...	...	..		...		...
Commissioners' *Appellate Courts* ...	17	...	4	1	1	...	..	1	9	.	1	...		...	36·4	..
Total	17		4	1	1	...	..	1	9	..	1	.	...	.	36·4	
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT																
Chief Court of Province { Appeals from original decrees	...	.	...	...	.	...	..	...					..	...		...
Chief Court of Province { Appeals from appellate do	69	...	...	2	19	...	1	1	11	.. 1	. 2	3	22	2	108·5	.
Total	69	...	.	2	19	...	1	1	11	1	2	3	22	2	108·5	
Grand Total	554		46	38	84	4	21	10	232	12	103	63	46	9	47·5	.

NOTE.—The Revenue appeals in the Commissioners' Courts have been shown under "Revenue Courts."

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 11—(Civil.)

Statement showing the result of Proceedings on applications for the execution of the decrees of the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Central Provinces in the year 1888.

Class of Courts.	Total number of applications for the execution of decrees before the Courts	Applications disposed of.				Pending at the end of the year.	Number of applications pending more than three months at the close of the year	Amounts realised.		Number of applications.										
		By transfer	Satisfaction obtained in full.	Satisfaction obtained in part.	Wholly infructuous.			With the issue of processes	Without the issue of processes	On which the judgment debtor was imprisoned.	On which he was arrested but released without imprisonment.	On which movable property		On which immoveable property.			On which possession was given,		On which specific performance was enforced.	On which partition was effected.	On which execution was effected otherwise than as in the preceding cols.
												Was sold.	Was attached but subsequently released.	Was sold.	Was dealt with under Sections 305, 322, or 328, Act XIV of 1882	Was attached but subsequently released under Section 275.	Of moveables.	Of immoveables.			
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																					
I.—Civil Courts.																					
Unpaid Tribunals	... 19	...	6	2	11	...	...	1,071	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	... ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals	.. 61,533	1,848	12,906	11,228	29,296	7,051	250	6,00,627	2,810	228	1,200	3,597	5,488	2,955	563	3,968	30	254	2	..	...
Small Cause Courts	... 10,470	1,034	1,714	2,302	4,557	813	16	75,349	1,565	50	271	466	635	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	12,080	510	3,200	2,605	4,041	1,694	176	4,73,604	19,016	53	100	627	697	572	370	866	58	1,937	2	...	4
Chief Courts of Districts.	... 136	14	42	29	51	20	1	24,365	2,685	...	3	21	15	8	7	9	...	20	...	...	...
Superior Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	... 84,239	3,220	17,368	16,196	37,876	9,578	553	11,75,016	26,076	351	1,664	4,713	6,822	3,535	940	4,857	88	2,211	5	...	4
II.—Revenue Courts.																					
Unpaid Local Tribunals	... ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	... ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Courts	... ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																					
Presidency Small Cause Courts	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts	.. ..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
Total	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total	.. 84,238	3,220	17,368	16,196	37,876	9,578	553	11,75,016	26,076	351	1,66	4,713	6 822	3,53	940	4,857	88	2,211	5	...	4

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 12.—(Civil.)

Statement showing the number and result of applications and proceedings under Chapter XX., Act XIV. of 1882, in the Central Provinces in the year 1888.

Class of Courts.	Applications for a declaration of Insolvency.								Number of insolvents discharged during the year under Section 355.	Number of insolvents' estates in the hands of receivers in which proceedings were finally closed during the year.	Amount of creditors claims dealt with during the year.		Gross amounts of insolvency assets realized and disbursed.		REMARKS.
	Total number of hearings.	Transferred to another Province, withdrawn &c.	Granted.		Rejected.			Pending at the close of the year.			Admitted.	Satisfied.	Realized during the year.	Disbursed during the year	
			A receiver being appointed.	A receiver not being appointed.	Penal proceedings under Section 359 not being taken.	Sentence of imprisonment being passed under Section 359.	Applicant being sent to the Magistrate to be dealt with.								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Courts other than Chief Courts of District ...	193	100	11	26	33	...	...	22	24	17	4,297	7,098	8,014	8,631	
Chief Courts of District	18	11	5	6	3	...	...	3	7	4	1,525	4,235	10,897	11,301	
Superior Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	211	111	16	32	36	...	...	25	31	21	5,822	11,333	13,911	14,932	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 13.—(Civil and Criminal).

(Showing use of Juries and Assessors in the Civil and Criminal Courts in the Central Provinces in the year 1888 is blank as a Civil Return.)

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

Giving Statistics of Civil Suits only, and showing totals for each District.

Statement showing the number and description of Suits instituted and re-instituted

Districts.	Suits for money or moveable property										Suits between landlords and tenants.					
	Contract in writing.	Contract not in writing.	On account stated.	Money had and received.	Goods sold.	Wages, work and materials.	Breach of contract not mentioned above.	Rent not falling under the Rent Law.	Moveable property or value thereof.	Damages.	Suits for ejectment.	Suits for recovery of possession.	Suits for arrears of rent.	Suits for recovery of a penalty for the levy of anything in excess of rent by a landlord.	Suits for recovering penalty from a landlord for refusing a receipt or giving a defective receipt.	All other suits between landlord and tenant not included above.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Nagpur ...	11,026	2,179	823	105	2,251	139	94	175	618	323	153	1	1,202	...	...	.
Chanda ...	3,103	688	352	34	269	38	53	15	338	117	2	41	268	1	...	..
Bhandara ...	4.054	1,100	20	21	95	...	5	3	49	131	101	46	812	...	...	..
Wardha ...	3,125	708	850	50	569	38	9	30	613	169	57	22	619	...	1	.
Balaghat ...	1,837	825	13	..	105	42	14	7	226	85	12	25	188	...	2	.
Jubbulpore ...	3,140	1,109	554	72	743	139	15	72	149	248	18	106	756	...	...	..
Saugor ...	2,280	1,076	518	8	218	50	43	42	238	113	68	103	442	...	...	7
Damoh ...	1,299	636	342	18	30	4	...	13	99	60	31	85	322	...	...	2
Seoni ..	1,000	675	24	15	173	15	150	14	128	116	36	109	180	...	...	.
Mandla ...	231	483	60	11	118	23	15	9	46	97	2	17	117	...	...	4
Hoshangabad ...	3,933	1,872	377	11	95	182	14	69	239	95	86	82	467	...	...	...
Betul ..	1,157	477	46	73	131	31	2	7	141	108	21	42	223	...	...	12
Narsinghpur ...	3,369	801	109	8	188	33	4	56	365	88	13	20	1,278	..	...	..
Chhindwara ..	1,828	904	48	23	211	12	15	10	113	105	14	95	193	...	...	..
Nimar ..	3,650	655	292	122	748	82	63	102	404	110	9	19	320	...	...	..
Raipur ...	1,838	1,991	116	41	676	114	788	62	256	394	267	194	604	...	..	..
Sambalpur ...	1,118	1,203	12	2	369	26	21	16	317	238	39	76	349	...	...	..
Bilaspur ...	1,174	1,751	3	63	571	62	1,233	99	321	215	32	142	380	...	...	..
Commissioner, Nagpur Division ...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	..
Total .. {1888	48,665	18,633	4 625	677	7,560	1,030	2,538	807	4,660	2,810	961	1,315	8,805	1	3	25
Total .. {1887	49,996	18,131	4,252	775	9,289	1,080	2,629	924	5,081	2,793	806	1,208	8,416	2	2	26

STATEMENT No. II.—Exhibition of

	Rs.															
Not exceeding	10	4,852	7,697	808	175	4,623	474	1 025	323	1,505	655	201	604	2,391	1	1	3
Ditto	50	28,208	8,710	2,072	274	2,564	441	1 215	349	2,233	1,250	399	626	4,701	..	2	9
Ditto	100	8,969	1,220	729	84	232	69	171	76	519	439	167	105	1,150	..	...	3
Ditto	500	6,016	823	773	109	132	56	117	55	339	395	179	67	541	...	...	8
Ditto	1,000	369	111	111	19	5	3	5	3	38	81	13	13	14	...	...	2
Ditto	5,000	221	65	69	10	4	6	3	1	21	37	2	...	3	...	...	..
Ditto	10,000	21	4	3	..	.	1	...	.	4	...	..	...	...	..	..	
Exceeding	10,000	9	3	...	2	...	...	2	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	..
Number of suits the value of which cannot be estimated		..	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	..	...	..	..		...	..	...
Tota {1888	..	48,665	18,633	4,625	677	7,5 0	1 080	2,538	807	4,660	2,810	961	1,315	8,805	1	3	25
Tota {1887	..	49,996	18,131	4,252	775	9,289	1,080	2,629	924	5,081	2,793	806	1,208	8,416	2	2	26

No. I.—(Civil).

in the Civil Courts in the Districts of the Central Provinces during the year 1888.

Suits for immoveable property.	Suits for declaratory decrees.	Other suits under the Specific Relief Act.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property, including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.	Suits to declare and establish personal rights.	Suits for an account.	Suits relating to religious endowments.	Suits to set aside judgments, contracts or obligation on the ground of fraud.	Suits for dissolution of marriage.	Suits for enforcement of matrimonial rights.	Suits for partition.	Suits relating to shipping.	Suits relating to religion and caste.	Administration suits.	Interpleader suits.	Dissolution of partnership.	Suits under Section 261, Act X. of 1865, (also Hindu Wills Act.)	Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads.	Total.	Remarks.
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	
671	129	19	91	6	8	...	1	1	26	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	20,044	
111	9	25	13	4	1	...	5	1	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,489	
161	18	84	92	5	3	...	5	.	2	3	...	...	...	...	3	...	5	6,824	
289	47	23	167	10	...	...	...	...	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	7,392	
81	2	...	42	..	1	..	2	..	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3,019	
441	11	1	102	1	1	...	4	..	28	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7,862	
233	24	10	61	5	2	...	11	...	6	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	9	5,571	
186	18	10	143	1	...	...	4	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3,203	
144	12	...	23	..	1	...	...	1	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2,836	
44	1	1	12	...	1	..	1	..	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1,305	
518	21	1	18	..	7	...	14	.	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7,614	
182	7	23	59	..	..	...	2	..	12	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	2,761	
277	25	8	4	2	2	..	..	..	12	1	..	...	...	...	...	...	1	6,727	
210	31	...	173	1	2	...	...	...	36	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4,031	
196	23	5	247	1	...	..	4	2	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	7,095	
345	1	...	59	...	4	3	9	..	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	7,856	
375	35	60	63	...	...	1	8	..	29	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	4,386	
258	12	14	34	...	1	..	5	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	6,377	
...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	7	
4,702	421	290	1,466	36	37	4	77	6	241	18	.	...	...	...	6	...	60	1,10,479	
4,029	406	309	1,258	15	32	...	68	8	279	7	.	...	...	4	1	...	29	1,11,855	

above Grand Total in detail of values.

Number of suits instituted in different Courts.								Total value of suits as computed under the Court Fees Act.
Small Cause Courts.	Naib Tahsildars' Courts.	Tahsildar's Courts.	Honorary Extra-Assistant Commissioners' Courts.	Assistant Commissioners' Courts.	Deputy Commissioners' Courts.	Commissioners' Courts.		
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.		
37	38	39	40	41	42	43		44
4,429	11,170	9,211	4	1,576	1	..		1,58,137
6,848	22,223	22,785	8	3,268	1	2		13,85,012
1,567	159	11,588	4	1,756	4	...		10,91,224
1,201	..	5,560	26	4,742	14	2		22,46,501
75	...	...	..	1,017	1	1		7,49,991
...	...	...	..	679	40	2		13,82,171
...	...	...	..	41	26	...		4,31,494
...	...	...	...	16	13	...		5,46,729
...	...	...	...	417	4	...		...
14,120	33,552	49,144	43	13,510	104	7		70,91,259
13,488	35,150	50,833	70	12,179	134	1		83,04,979

Statement showing the result of the trial of Original Suits

Districts.	For disposal.					Disposed			
	Remaining at close of previous year.	Re instituted during the year (Sections 99, 108, 562, 623, Act XIV. of 1882).	Received by transfer from other provinces during the year.	Instituted during the year (Section 58, Act XIV. of 1882).	Total.	Transferred to other provinces.	Plaint rejected or returned after institution.	Dismissed for default, Section 98, Act XIV. of 1882	
								Number.	Percentage of total disposed of.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Nagpur ..	1,944	599	...	19,445	21,988	...	179	2,570	12·4
Chanda ...	526	150	...	5,339	6,015	...	39	886	15·8
Bhandara ...	928	301	...	6,523	7,752	..	42	1,316	19·0
Wardha ..	928	281	...	7,111	8,320	..	54	1,376	18·6
Balaghat ...	264	66	...	2,958	3,283	...	10	558	18·3
Jubbulpore ...	721	147	...	7,715	8,583	...	113	1,526	19·2
Saugor ..	537	119	...	5,452	6,108	...	24	1,045	18·9
Damoh ...	115	93	...	3,210	3,418	...	13	391	12·2
Seoni ...	157	58	...	2,778	2,993	...	16	388	13·7
Mandla .	101	31	...	1,274	1,406	...	2	302	24 8
Hoshangabad ...	712	167	...	7,447	8,326	..	58	1,489	19·0
Betul ...	156	55	...	2,706	2,917	...	29	545	20·0
Narsinghpur ...	712	173	...	6,554	7,439		21	1,233	18·2
Chhindwara ...	275	62	...	3,969	4,306	...	32	960	24·0
Nimar . .	593	165	...	6,930	7,688	...	43	1,785	24·5
Raipur ..	779	168	...	7,688	8,635	...	61	1,573	19·9
Sambalpur .	488	106	...	3,772	4,366	...	28	865	21·6
Bilaspur ...	448	121	...	6,256	6,825	...	71	1,833	28·3
Commissioner, Nagpur Division ..	1	...	...	7	8	...	...	...	...
Total ... 1888 ..	10,385	2,862	...	1,07,129	1,20,376	...	835	20,641	18·6
Total ... 1887 ...	9,281	2,865	...	1,08,990	1,21,676	...	764	20,280	18·2

MENT No. III.

in the Districts of the Central Provinces during the year 1888.

of

Withdrawn with leave (Section 373, Act XIV. of 1882).	Compromised.		Decreed on confession (in full of claim.)		Decreed *ex-parte*				
						Dismissed *ex-parte*		Total.	
	Number.	Percentage of total disposed of.	Number.	Percentage of total disposed of.	Decreed.	Number.	Percentage of total *ex-parte*.	Number.	Percentage of total disposed of.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
231	1,690	9·1	4,668	22·5	5,695	253	4·2	5,948	28·7
106	497	8·t	1,258	22·4	1,278	72	5·3	1,350	24·0
100	525	7·6	1,778	25·7	1,703	25	1 4	1,728	24·9
64	670	9·0	1,326	17·9	1,551	47	2·9	1,598	21·6
41	110	3·6	651	21·4	577	83	12·6	660	21·7
90	771	9·7	1,788	22·5	899	72	7 4	971	12·2
27	768	13·9	1,178	21·4	769	54	6 6	823	14·9
11	489	15·2	762	23·7	374	23	5·8	397	12·4
15	393	13·8	567	19·9	340	11	3·1	351	12·4
11	228	18·7	189	15·5	90	12	11·7	102	8·4
30	798	10 2	1,411	18·0	1,478	76	4·9	1,554	19·9
16	282	10·5	537	19·7	305	20	6·1	325	11·9
15	518	7·6	1,116	16·5	1,316	47	3·4	1,363	20·1
8	366	9·2	888	22·2	566	15	2 6	581	14·5
52	586	8·0	1,665	23·1	1,194	54	4·3	1,248	17·3
100	968	12·1	1,482	18·7	1,127	216	16·0	1,343	16·9
24	479	11·5	779	19 4	360	16	4·3	376	9·4
26	830	12·5	1,130	17·4	678	58	7 9	736	11 3
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1,017	11,168	10·0	23,173	20·8	20,300	1,154	5 3	21,454	19·3
1,158	11,226	10·0	24,539	22·0	20,550	1,189	5·4	21,739	19·5

Districts.	Disposal of—Contd.									Pending.		
	Contested and disposed of by											
	Judgment for plaintiff.				Judgment for defendant		Total					
	In whole of claim.		In part of claim.									
	Number.	Percentage of total contested.	Number.	Percentage of total contested.	Number.	Percentage of total contested	Number.	Percentage of total disposed of	Total.	Total.	Over two and not over three months.	Over three months.
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
Nagpur	2,249	43·6	1,771	34 4	1,127	21·8	5,147	24·8	20,683	1,305	...	17
Chanda ..	698	47 4	434	29 5	338	22·9	1,470	26·2	5,606	409	...	5
Bhandara ..	696	48 5	391	27·2	347	24·1	1,434	20·7	6,923	829	130	3
Wardha ..	1,090	47·1	758	32 5	470	20 3	2,312	31 2	7,400	920	98	32
Balaghat	410	40 6	383	37·9	215	21·3	1,008	33 1	3,038	245	1	...
Jubbulpore ..	1,286	47·7	704	26·1	703	26·1	2,693	33 8	7,952	631	...	25
Saugor ..	777	47·4	433	26·4	428	26·1	1,638	29·7	5,503	605	...	35
Damoh ...	56.	49 3	330	28·7	251	21·9	1,146	35·7	3,209	209	28	9
Seoni ..	493	44 5	287	25 9	327	29·5	1,107	39·0	2,837	156	2	...
Mandla ...	126	32·9	95	24·8	161	42·1	382	31·4	1,216	190	20	12
Hoshangabad ...	1,188	48·2	631	25·6	642	26 0	2,461	31 5	7,801	525	60	47
Betul ...	370	37·4	228	23·1	389	39·4	987	36·2	2,721	196	9	1
Narsinghpur .	1,336	53·2	640	25·5	531	21·1	2,507	37·0	6,773	666	36	4
Chhindwara ...	594	51·0	215	18·4	355	30 4	1,164	29·1	3,999	307	14	1
Nimar ..	857	47·1	465	25 6	494	27·2	1,816	25 2	7,195	493	...	8
Raipur ...	920	38·6	571	24·0	886	37·2	2,377	30·0	7,904	731	90	18
Sambalpur ..	503	34·5	466	32 0	486	33 4	1,455	36 3	4,006	360	63	
Bilaspur ..	680	36 5	580	31·4	583	31·6	1,843	22·3	6,469	356	44	22
Commr., Nagpur Dn. ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	7	7	...
Total... 1888 ...	14,839	45·0	9,376	28·4	8,733	26 5	32,948	29·6	1,11,236	9,140	611	240
Total... 1887 ...	13,900	44·0	9,507	30 0	8,178	25·9	31,585	28·4	1,11,291	10,385	601	168

No. III.—(Contd.)

Average.				Number of suits disposed of.									Remarks.
Durations of suits in days and tenths		Number of hearings in suits disposed of		Instituted in *forma pauperis* (Section 410, Act XIV of 1882.)	In which commission issued for local investigation (Section 392, Act XIV of 1882.)	In which commission issued to investigate or adjust accounts (Section 394, Act XIV of 1882.)	In which commision issued to make a partition (Section 396, Act XIV of 1882.)	In which reference was made to arbitrators.		In which any matter was decided on oath of party or witness.	In which any of those costs of a successful plaintiff which are not more than proportionate to the relief decreed or decreed against such plaintiff.	In which payment by instalments was decreed (Section 210, XIV of 1882).	
Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested.					Found for plaintiff.	Found for defendant.				
33	34	35		36	37	38	39	40		41	42	43	44
45·6	31·3	2·4	1·6	...	65	29	...	12	3	65	79	179	
47·2	33·4	3·3	2·0	2	8	2	...	...	..	11	4	202	
77·7	47·7	3·9	2·2	...	20	1	...	...	...	31	22	308	
62·9	41·6	3·8	2·1	4	13	4	...	3	...	44	12	156	
45·9	34·3	2·9	1·8	...	2	2	...	...	...	5	7	112	
51·8	33·5	3·3	1·6	...	35	3	...	11	2	23	39	230	
59·9	38·2	3·4	1·7	3	93	10	...	11	...	15	73	150	
31·7	20·9	2·5	1·0	...	18	1	2	2	...	1	6	58	
42·4	26·8	2·9	1·8	...	20	...	...	3	3	27	2	50	
52·2	28·9	3·4	1·8	...	1	...	...	...	...	11	7	9	
57·3	34·2	3·3	1·7	2	48	7	...	2	...	9	16	141	
42·9	26·5	3·4	2·2	3	42	...	...	6	...	7	37	90	
64·7	44·0	2·8	1·6	2	22	4	...	2	1	32	16	104	
45·1	29·3	3·3	1·8	1	27	...	...	...	...	2	9	131	
47·0	27·2	3·2	1·5	2	10	4	...	...	...	24	23	127	
55·9	34·4	3·0	1·6	...	158	8	...	6	...	22	13	95	
79·1	42·7	3·3	1·6	8	22	...	1	4	5	17	11	105	
46·1	27·5	3·2	1·6	2	105	1	...	6	...	35	16	62	
235·	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
53·5	34·2	3·1	1·7	29	710	76	3	65	14	326	394	2,369	
51·7	32·7	3·5	2·0	19	1,007	203	5	78	23	409	398	2,366	

STATEMENT No. IV.

Statement showing the General Result of the trial of Civil Cases in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Districts of the Central Provinces, during the year 1888.

PART II.—Miscellaneous Cases (Judicial).

Districts.	Total number of cases before the Courts.	Number of cases disposed of										Pending at the close of the year.	Number of cases pending more than three months at the close of the year.	Average duration of cases.		Remarks.
		Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Without trial.	Without contest.				On reference to arbitration.		With contest.				Contested.	Uncontested.	
				Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *expaite*.	Dismissed *ex-parte*.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for defendant.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Nagpur ...	1,599	...	802	28	224	216	92	4	6	448	80	9	...	32·9	26·2	
Chanda ...	831	...	218	37	120	59	32	...	...	189	89	87	...	33·2	21 8	
Bhandara ...	975	...	228	12	127	240	60	...	...	144	59	105	...	44·1	25 8	
Wardha ...	1,217	...	251	14	194	121	25	...	...	521	165	126	...	43·6	33 6	
Balaghat ...	249	...	56	20	25	44	24	1	...	36	22	21	...	38·7	21·9	
Jubbulpore ...	446	...	145	17	5	40	14	...	...	136	51	38	...	37·7	64·6	
Sangor ...	518	...	219	7	50	43	15	8	4	112	54	6	...	39·1	20·3	
Damoh ...	205	...	38	7	10	6	4	...	...	97	29	14	...	26·1	24 4	
Seoni ..	236	...	66	7	9	9	...	...	...	78	57	10	...	39 1	17·9	
Mandla ...	72	...	40	4	1	4	...	...	...	12	10	1	...	31·3	11·0	
Hoshangabad ..	437	...	143	18	1	21	14	...	...	147	85	8	...	24 0	17·0	
Betul ...	278	...	72	1	19	27	11	...	1	85	46	16	...	26 5	14·9	
Narsinghpur ..	513	...	27	3	16	30	8	4	...	141	106	178	...	36·3	28·2	
Chhindwara ...	290	...	124	4	21	11	6	...	...	74	33	17	...	21·4	18 8	
Nimar ...	757	...	133	18	23	51	6	...	...	303	170	58	...	28 7	16·7	
Raipur ...	287	...	129	...	27	6	9	...	...	67	49	...	...	42 8	30 8	
Sambalpur ..	283	...	84	10	27	24	18	1	...	42	23	4	...	42·1	27·3	
Bilaspur ...	278	...	124	3	14	70	6	4	1	28	27	1	...	44·7	21·8	
Total ... (1888..	9,421	...	2,399	205	913	1,022	344	22	12	2,460	1,345	699	...	34·7	24·4	
(1887...	8,702	3	2,447	209	932	1,009	307	14	6	2,223	1;167	475	1	33 9	22·2	

STATEMENT No. V.

Statement showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts of the Central Provinces during the year 1888.

PART I—Appeals from Decrees.

Courts.	For disposal.				Disposed of											Pending.		Number of cases in which objections under Section 61, Act XIV. of 1882 were.		Average duration of each appeal tried.
	Remaining at close of previous year.	Received by transfer from other Provinces.	Instituted or re-admitted.	Total (column 17 plus 18.)	Transferred to other Provinces.	Dismissed for default, or under Sections 556, 557, Act XIV of 1882.	*Heard ex-parte*					Contested.								
							Confirmed.		Reversed.					Reversed.						
							Without notice to Respondent.	After notice to Respondent.	Modified.	Without remand under Section 562, Act, XIV. of 1882.	And remanded under Section 562, Act, XIV. of 1882.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Without remand under Section 562, Act, XIV. of 1882.	And remanded under Section 562, Act, XIV. of 1882.	Total.	Total.	Over three months.	Preferred.	Allowed (because successfully maintained.)	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Judicial Commissioner's Court ...	239	..	708	947	...	14	252	15	...	7	1	232	48	96	44	709	238	59	8	...	129·5
Commissioner, Nagpur Division .	14	...	80	94	...	4	1	...	...	...	..	41	10	11	1	68	26	3	2	...	53·5
Do. Jubbulpore „ ...	10	...	75	85	.	1	...	3	...	...	...	25	5	18	8	60	25	5	...	...	61·1
Do. Nerbudda „ ...	47	...	108	155	...	7	3	3	...	..	...	66	20	27	4	130	25	..	7	2	125·3
Do. Chhattisgarh „ ...	14	...	48	62	...	1	...	4	...	...	2	29	5	6	3	50	12	...	1	1	80·0
Total in Courts of Commissioners...	85	...	311	396	...	13	4	10	...	...	2	161	40	62	16	308	88	8	10	3	89·8

STATEMENT No. V,

Statement showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts of the Districts of the Central Provinces, during the year 1888.

PART II.—Appeals from Decrees.

Districts.	For disposal				Disposed of.												Pending.		Number of cases in which objections under Section 61, Act XIV of 1882 were,		Average duration of each appeal in trird.	Remarks.
							Heard *ex parte*					Contested.										
							Confirmed.		Reversed.					Reversed.								
	Remaining at close of previous year.	Received by transfer from other Provinces.	Instituted or re-admitted	Total Col 17 plus 18	Transferred to other Provinces	Dismissed for default, or under Sections 556, 557, Act XIV of 1882.	Without notice to Respondent.	After notice to Respondent	Modified	Without remand under Section 553, Act XIV of 1882	And remanded under Section 562, Act XIV of 1882.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Without remand under Section 562, Act XIV of 1882.	And remanded under Section 562, Act XIV of 1882.	Total.	Total.	Over three months.	Preferred	Allowed (because successfully maintained)		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Nagpur ...	64	..	563	627	..	26	1	5	..	...	...	356	82	110	12	592	35	...	...	.	48·8	
Chanda ...	26	..	279	305	..	18	28	1	1		4	133	31	41	12	269	36		5		50·3	
Bhandara ..	26	...	334	360	..	28	10	1	2	...	...	162	52	52	20	327	33		3	1	60 3	
Wardha ...	52	..	484	536	..	22	117	11	6		5	4	138	97	86	8	494	42	8	6	1	41 9	
Balaghat ...	4	...	176	180	.	18	20	5	...	...	...	...	77	15	23	7	165	15	...	...		25·0	
Jubbulpore	72	...	328	400	...	32	19	3	.		2	...	169	37	71	19	352	48	6	...		46·7	
Saugor ..	59	...	240	299	...	22	51	8	...		1	1	85	43	14	30	250	49	1	...	...	67·2	
Damoh ...	14	...	183	197	...	11	31	2	.		2	...	75	18	36	8	183	14	...	...	...	38 7	
Seoni ..	37	..	269	306	...	12	26	5	.	...		...	138	24	45	11	261	45	..	...	...	41·9	
Mandla ...	3	...	79	82	...	6	25	14	...	...		...	7	..	23	3	78	4	...	...		19·0	
Hoshangabad	115	..	626	741	..	39	3	.	.		3	...	298	69	149	97	658	83	...	1	1	55·0	
Betul ...	13	...	291	304	..	11	46	10	...		5	1	134	24	47	3	281	23	..	...	...	25 3	
Narsinghpur ..	64	...	588	652	..	29	33	7	5		10	...	272	50	122	21	549	103	...	5	2	33·4	
Chhindwara ..	17	...	236	253	..	15	91	3	3		3	...	66	19	31	6	239	14	...	...	...	33 0	
Nimar .	30		304	334	..	21	69	7	4		5	...	105	27	55	19	312	22	...	2	...	25·8	
Raipur ...	151	..	667	818	..	114	119	40	8		11	14	243	45	102	34	736	82	...	...	...	65 1	
Sambalpur ...	20	..	298	318	..	10	16	9	.		3	1	144	44	53	7	287	31	..	2	1	49·8	
Bilaspur ..	69	.	336	405		35	17	9	5		6	1	178	39	61	25	376	29		12	7	50·8	
Total for 1888 { Districts ...	836	...	6,281	7,117	..	469	722	141	34		66	22	2,760	716	1,121	344	6,409	708	23	37	13	46·4	
Total for 1888 { All Courts	1,160	...	7,300	8,460	...	496	978	166	34		67	25	3,173	804	1,279	404	7,426	1,034	90	55	16	56·1	
Total for 1887 { Districts ..	694	..	5,311	6,005	...	337	615	126	32		49	18	2,297	548	877	271	5,170	832	32	31	10	43·0	
Total for 1887 { All Courts	1,007	..	6,199	7,206	...	356	836	141	38		58	23	2,623	661	997	314	6,047	1,159	99	32	10	53·2	

STATEMENT No. VI.

Statement showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts of the Central Provinces, during the year 1888.

PART I.—Miscellaneous Appeals (Judicial.)

Courts.	Total number of appeals before the Court.	Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Appeals summarily rejected.	Heard *ex-parte*.				Contested.				Pending.	Of these pending more than three months.	Average duration of appeals	Objection under Section 561, Act XIV. of 1882.	Remarks.
				Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Confirmed.	Modified	Reversed.	Remanded.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Judicial Commissioner's Court ..	69	..	...	2	19	...	1	1	11	1	9	3	22	9	108·5	...	
Commissioner, Nagpur Division.	6	...	...	1	...	...	...	..	2	...	1	...	2	...	41·2	.	
Do. Jubbulpore ,. ..	15	..	...	...	5	...	1	...	5	...	2	...	2	...	35·3	..	
Do. Nerbudda ,, ...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	1	2	1	...	...	163 0	...	
Do. Chhattisgarh,, ..	5	...	...	..	2	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	57·6	...	
Total in Courts of Commissioners ...	41	...	...	1	7	1	2	1	18	1	5	1	4	...	90·7	...	

STATEMENT No. VI.

Statement showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts of the Districts of the Central Provinces during the year 1888.

Part. II—Miscellaneous Appeals (Judicial.)

Districts.	Total number of appeals before the Courts	Transferred to Courts in other Provinces	Appeals summarily rejected.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard ex-parte				Contested.				Pending.	Of these pending more than three months.	Average duration of appeals	Objection under Section 561, Act XIV. of 1882.	Remarks.
					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Nagpur ...	51	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	19	3	23	2	1	...	39·8	...	
Chanda ...	14	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	9	...	1	...	43 2	...	
Bhandara ...	21	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	11	...	7	...	1	...	32·8	...	
Wardha ..	43	...	1	2	10	3	3	1	6	3	9	3	2	...	36·8	...	
Balaghat ...	4	...	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	22·0	...	
Jubbulpore ..	10	...	...	..	..	...		..	3	...	5	1	1	..	28·2	...	
Saugor ..	16	...	4	...	2	...	...	...	3	2	2	3	...	..	46·8	...	
Damoh ...	7	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	1	...	2	1	...	...	31·1	...	
Seoni ...	20	...	3	...	4	..	3	...	6	...	2	...	2	...	25·8	...	
Mandla ...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23·0	...	
Hoshangabad ..	58	...	2	9	...	...	...	...	23	1	5	15	3	...	57·0	...	
Betul ..	16	...	1	...	10	...	..	1	2	...	2	...	...	...	11·1	...	
Narsinghpur ...	49	...	6	2	...	...	1	...	22	...	10	1	7	.	25·2	...	
Chhindwara ...	10	...	1	...	8	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	21·3	...	
Nimar ...	19	...	6	2	1	...	4	...	3	...	1	...	2	...	19·3	...	
Raipur ...	48	...	13	9	10	...	...	2	5	...	4	5	...	...	65·6	...	
Sambalpur ...	19	...	2	...	4	...	1	2	7	...	2	1	...	...	36·4	...	
Bilaspur	21	...	...	5	6	...	2	..	3	1	3	1	...	...	32·6	...	
Total for 1888... Districts ..	427	...	42	34	57	3	18	7	116	10	86	34	20	...	36·9	...	
Total for 1888... All Courts ..	537	...	42	37	83	4	21	9	145	12	100	38	46	9	47·9	...	
Total for 1887... Districts... ..	381	...	48	33	38	3	22	8	92	2	61	40	34	...	33 2	2	
Total for 1887... All Courts ...	499	...	52	37	63	3	25	11	128	3	76	48	55	4	49·3	2	

STATEMENT No VII.

Statement showing the results of proceedings on applications for execution of the decrees of the Civil Courts in the Districts of the Central Provinces, during the year 1888.

Districts.	Total number of applications for the execution of decrees before the Courts.	Applications disposed of					Pending at the end of the year.	Number of applications pending more than three months at the close of the year.	Amount realized.		Number of applications.												Remarks.
		By transfer.		Satisfaction obtained in full.	Satisfaction obtained in part.	Wholly infructuous			With the issue of process.	Without the issue of process.	On which the judgment debtor was imprisoned.	On which he was arrested, but released without imprisonment.	On which moveable property.		On which immoveable property.			On which possession was given.		On which specific performance was enforced.	On which partition was effected.	On which execution was effected otherwise than as in the preceding columns.	
		To Civil Courts.	To Collectors.										Was sold.	Was attached but subsequently released.	Was sold.	Was dealt with under. Section 305, Act XIV. of 1882.	Was dealt with under. Section 320, Act XIV. of 1882.	Was attached, but subsequently released under Section 275.	Of moveables.	Of immoveables.				
1	2	3		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Nagpur ...	19,377	1,121	199	3,189	3,697	9,290	1,971	185	2,04,655	504	47	215	821	679	878	..	109	737	19	258	...	...	...	
Chanda ..	4,764	79	51	949	910	2,224	547	15	29,044	801	4	40	444	505	252	..	51	327	2	47	..	...	...	
Bhandara ..	5,696	173	66	1,089	805	2,680	863	25	61,400	257	5	28	323	537	230	..	66	367	5	103	...	...	...	
Wardha ..	8,550	301	128	1,462	1,066	4,386	1,207	140	79,784	2,988	25	142	334	347	335	..	125	623	10	185	1	...	...	
Balaghat ..	2,190	34	62	447	854	1,041	252	2	22,515	528	2	42	152	199	118	..	62	108	4	32	2	...	...	
Jubbulpore ..	5,100	299	38	1,067	1,136	2,166	394	26	81,521	3,675	26	184	288	559	123	4	34	164	...	173	...	...	...	1
Saugor ...	8,772	45	81	847	868	1,481	450	37	64,520	121	20	71	215	416	106	45	..	276	3	167	...	..	..	2
Damoh ..	1,691	22	62	516	490	470	126	15	33,431	36	7	26	105	176	76	...	62	67	1	127	1	.	.	1
Seoni ..	1,898	...	20	527	504	683	164	.	38,280	328	10	46	212	260	63	...	..	78	...	72	...	...	...	
Mandla ..	437	9	7	138	93	146	44	2	4,960	1,207	3	31	36	63	18	.	7	32	1	10	...	.	...	
Hoshangabad ...	6,043	71	104	1,203	1,417	2,665	583	12	1,69,311	9,462	24	90	307	761	249	..	104	449	6	214	...	...	...	
Betul ..	1,846	22	22	393	345	842	222	2	29,517	2,360	4	31	136	229	127	..	22	302	1	82	...	...	...	
Narsinghpur ..	5,369	...	133	1,060	1,526	1,927	753	68	1,03,553	3,081	34	46	351	683	349	..	133	461	15	152	1	...	...	
Chhindwara ...	3,185	3	31	668	813	1,398	272	2	51,942	528	10	58	273	273	218	...	31	281	1	109	...	...	...	
Nimar ...	6,175	41	52	1,343	945	3,152	642	17	81,038	..	28	234	163	387	188	..	52	327	7	55	..	..	...	
Raipur ...	3,927	...	18	1,111	493	1,668	637	2	60,961	...	37	123	193	279	77	..	18	89	4	166	..	...	...	
Sambalpur ...	1,876	...	10	524	310	814	218	...	19,807	37	23	83	171	269	29	.	10	71	6	100	...	...	...	
Bilaspur ..	2,342	...	6	865	419	839	213	2	38,827	269	42	174	189	200	34	1	1	89	3	159	...	...	...	
Total ... 1888...	84,238	2,220	1000	17,368	16,196	37,876	9,576	553	11,75,016	26,076	351	1,664	4,713	6,822	3,535	50	890	4,857	88	2,211	6	...	4	
1887..	82,575	2,188	857	17,823	15,314	36,424	9,969	357	12,34,313	25,105	599	2,801	4,756	6,662	3,215	55	786	4,303	111	1,959	6	1	5	

Statement showing (1) the fees levied for, and (2) the charges incurred in, the service and during the

Districts	(1) Fees levied. In separate detail for each Court									
	On processes directed to be served by European bailiff (Special Rule 1)		On other processes issued.				For assisting in distraint (Special Rule III)	Additional Fees.		Grand total of fees levied (Columns 2 to 10.
	At Rs. 2 rate	At Re 1 rate.	At Re. 1 rate	At As. 12 rate	At As. 8 rate	At As 4 rate.		Under Special Rule IV	Under Special Rule V	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Rs	Rs	Rs.	Rs. a	Rs a	Rs a	Rs. a	Rs a	Rs a	Rs. a
Nagpur ..	2	18	17,048	1,582 8	86 4	24,203 4	...	972 4	26 4	43,938 8
Chanda	...	..	4,498	966 12	11 8	6,365 0	...	89 4	15 12	11,946 4
Bhandara ..	...	...	5,055	962 4	25 8	7,585 12		47 8	...	13,676 0
Wardha ..	...	...	8,387	1,089 12	115 0	10,236 12	...	229 0	...	20,057 8
Balaghat ..	...	...	1,876	452 4	2 0	3,337 8	...		398 13	6,066 9
Jubbulpore ..	14	34	4,104	553 0	54 8	8,484 8	...	313 0	908 4	14,465 4
Saugor .	...		4,178	88 12	224 8	6,141 8	394 0	436 12	5 12	11,469 4
Damoh ..	...	...	1,655	267 12	15 0	3,001 12	...	111 4	...	5,050 12
Seoni ..	...	...	1,782	355 8	7 0	3,154 4	...	...	...	5,298 12
Mandla ..	...	..	412	57 8	12 0	1,040 8	36 10	6 4	..	1,564 14
Hoshangabad ..	...	...	6,420	1,351 8	148 12	9,157 4	2 0	225 12	94 12	17,400 0
Betul ...	...	...	2,383	473 8	26 8	3,171 8	...	104 8	..	6,159 0
Narsinghpur ..	...	...	5,782	1,307 4	70 8	8,275 8	4 12	703 10	6 0	16,239 10
Chhindwarra ..	...	..	3,157	26 8	663 4	4,546 4	..	132 0	...	8,525 0
Nima.	...	...	4,911	655 8	15 8	6,708 12	...	170 4	...	12,461 0
Raipur ..	...	...	3,675	494 0	160 8	8,020 0	...	...	...	12,349 8
Sambalpur ..	...		2,071	67 8	32 8	3,718 12	...	...	8 8	5,898 4
Bilaspur ..		...	2,389	239 4	40 0	4,641 0	...	33 0	...	7,342 4
Commr, Chhattisgarh Dn.	...	...	...	...	...	30 8	...	...	...	30 8
Commr, Narbudda Dn.	...	...	...	...	...	48 12	...	...	...	48 12
Total ..	16	52	79,763	10,991 0	1,710 12	1,21,869 0	437 6	3,664 6	1,464 12	2,19,987 8

No. VIII.

execution of processes issued out of the Civil Courts in the Districts of the Central Provinces, year 1888.

(2) Charges.									Collectively for the District.			(1) Number of processes re-issued without charges, (Special Rule VI)
In separate details for each Court or set of Courts having a joint establishment.												
Naib Nazirs.			Peons						Contingencies.			
Class and period for which employed	Total salary.	Salary of European bailiff	1st Class at Rs. 10.		2nd Class at Rs 8.		3rd Class at Rs 6.		Heads of charges.	Charges under each head.	Grand total of all charges (columns 13, 14, 16, 18, 20 and 22.)	
			Number on last day.	Total salary.	Number on last day.	Total salary.	Number on last day.	Total salary.				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Rs.	Rs.	No	Rs.	No.	Rs.	No.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	
10	3,120	720	13	1,560	12	1,151	104	9,332		797	16,680	509
3	1,182	...	1	119	4	383	42	2,312		74	4,076	22
4	1,278	...	3	360	5	470	29	2,468		197	4,77	118
5	1,553	...	3	360	...	379	...	3,049		438	5,779	479
1	386	...	1	120	2	121	19	1,306		22	2,158	45
3	774	720	5	600	4	365	39	3,560		233	6,252	1,039
4	1,210	...	3	357	4	371	164	3,218		294	5,453	563
2	769	...	4	476	1	96	19	1,714		12	3,067	9
1	360	...	3	346	1	95	17	1,162		...	1,963	312
1	180	...	1	120	...	...	13	876		17	1,193	...
5	2,034	...	8	931	4	381	40	3,328		186	6,860	727
2	400	.	4	378	2	181	20	1,285		207	2,451	105
3	1,080	...	4	474	6	569	38	2,621		170	4,914	355
2	840	...	4	477	2	192	20	1,835		24	3,368	28
2	480	...	6	720	1	64	24	2,071		38	3,373	195
3	779	...	2	234	3	288	39	2,666		75	4,042	473
2	399	...	2	239	2	192	17	1,728		15	2,573	552
2	517	...	2	240	2	181	24	2,273		37	3,248	324
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...
..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...
55	17,341	1,440	69	8,111	65	5,482	668	46,804	...	3,039	82,217	5,855

Process forms registers, other stationery, official postage, server's badges, furniture, &c., &c.

STATEMENT No IX.

Proceedings in Insolvency under Chapter XX, Act XIV. of 1882, in the Districts of the Central Provinces during the year 1888

PART I.—Showing the number and result of applications under Section 344, and the number of insolvents before the Court.

Districts	Applications for a declaration of insolvency														Persons declared to be insolvents							Remarks
	Number of applications dealt with						Applications disposed of								Number of insolvents before the Court				Disposed of			
	Pending at the close of the previous year	Filed during the year					Transferred	Withdrawn or otherwise not prosecuted	Granted.		Rejected				Pending at the close of the year							
		By judgment debtors		By decree holders	Received by transfer	Total			A receiver being appointed	A receiver not being appointed	Penal proceedings under Section 359 not being taken	Sentence of imprisonment being passed under Section 359	Applicant being sent to the Magistrate to be dealt with	Total.		Remaining at the close of the previous year	Declared to be insolvents during the year.	Received by transfer	Total	Transferred	Died	Discharged: Under Section 351	Discharged: Under Section 355	Remaining at the close of the year	
		Under arrest or imprisonment	Not under arrest or in prisonment																					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Nagpur ..	49	59			1	108	..	72	..	12	8	..	..	92	16	2	12	..	14	.	.	12		2	
Chanda		..	2			2	..	1	..	1	.	.	.	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	
Bhandara		2				2	..	2						2	..	1	..		1	..		.	1	..	
Wardha	2	6	7		..	15	..	.	..	7	8	.	.	15	..	..	7	..	7	..	..	7		..	
Balaghat .	.	.	.	..	.	.	..	..	..	..	.	.	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Jubbulpore ..	5	6	10	..	..	19	..	6	3	..	9	..	..	18	1	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	3	..	
Saugor .	2	3		..	..	7	..	2		4	1	..	..	7	..	2	5	..	7	..	..	5	2	..	
Damoh ..	..	4	..	..	..	4	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Seoni	1	1		..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.	..	..	
Mandla	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	
Hoshangabad .	..	1		..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	
Betul .	.	1	3	..		4	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	3	1	..	3	..	4	..	..	3	.	1	
Narsinghpur .	3	16	..	..		19	..	10	5		4	..	..	19		5	5	..	10			.	19	.	
Chhindwara	..	..	..	..		..	..	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				.		
Nimar .	1	6	7	..		14	..	3	3	3	3	..	..	12	2	..	8	..	8	..	.	3	5		
Raipur ..	3	.	5	..	.	8	.	5	.	.	.	.	..	5	3	3	.	5	8	..		.	5	3	
Sambalpur .	..	6	5	.	.	11	..	2	5	1	2	..	..	10	1	.	6	.	6	..		1	5	.	
Bilaspur	.	..	2	..	1	3	1	2	.	.	.	.	..	3	..	1	.	.	1	..	..	.	.	1	
Total .. 1888	64	112	44	..	1	221	1	110	16	32	30		..	195	25	14	55	5	73	..		35	31	2	
1887	31	194	60	..	..	285	.	100	21	61	39	.	..	221	64	12	85	..	97	..		61	17	19	

STATEMENT No. IX.—(Continued.)

PART II.—Showing the number of estates in the hands of receivers and the progress made in winding up.

Districts.	Number of insolvents' estates in the hands of receivers.				Amount of creditors' claims dealt with during the year.					Amount of insolvents' assets realized and outstanding.				Remarks.
	Pending at the close of the previous year.	Placed in charge of a receiver during the year.	Number of estates in regard to which proceedings were finally closed during the year.	Pending at the close of the year.	Unsatisfied and pending at the close of the previous year.	Admitted.	Disallowed.	Satisfied.	Unsatisfied and pending at the close of the year.	Amount of realized assets in the hands of receivers at the close of the previous year.	Gross amount realized during the year.	Total amount of disbursements.	Amount remaining in the hand of receivers at the close of the year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Nagpur ...	2	...	...	2	1,16,621	...	...	2,428	1,14,193	1,818	1,824	2,556	586	
Chanda ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Bhandara ...	1	...	...	...	26	...	...	6	20	6	...	6	...	
Wardha ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Balaghat ...	...	...	...	...	296	...	...	...	296	...	...	...	...	
Jubbulpore ...	5	3	5	3	24,881	1,460	...	233	12,918	11	238	238	16	
Sangor ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Damoh ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Seoni ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Mandla ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Hoshangabad ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Betul ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Narsinghpur ...	7	3	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	93	948	826	215	
Chhindwara ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Nimar ...	2	5	3	4	3,967	2,837	1,425	4,437	2,367	15	4	16	3	
Raipur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Sambalpur ...	...	4	3	1	89	1,525	...	1,516	906	45	40	85	...	
Bilaspur ...	1	...	...	1	21,606	...	...	2,713	18,594	1,414	10,857	11,210	1,061	
Total ... {1888 ...	18	15	21	11	1,68,295	5,822	1,425	11,333	1,49,594	2,902	13,911	14,932	1,881	
{1887 ...	27	18	24	31	67,404	34,240	1,009	11,207	2,04,191	11,930	9,046	19,069	2,925	